

CHAPTER 158**(HB 206)**

AN ACT providing for a Kentucky National Guard and Reserve Employers' Council.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *There is created a committee to be known as the Kentucky National Guard and Reserve Employers' Council, which shall be attached to the Office of the Adjutant General for administrative purposes only.*
- (2) *The council shall be composed of the following:*
 - (a) *The secretary of the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet or the secretary's designee;*
 - (b) *Three (3) members appointed by the President of the Senate, selected from a list of five (5) names submitted by each of the following organizations:*
 1. *Associated Industries of Kentucky;*
 2. *The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; and*
 3. *The Kentucky Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business;*
 - (c) *Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, selected from a list of five (5) names submitted by each of the following organizations:*
 1. *The Kentucky League of Cities;*
 2. *The Kentucky Association of Counties; and*
 3. *The Kentucky State AFL-CIO; and*
 - (d) *One (1) member appointed by the Governor, selected from a list of five (5) names submitted by the Kentuckiana Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors.*
- (3) *The council shall select one (1) of the appointed members as chairman.*
- (4) *Initially, three (3) of the members shall be appointed to serve for a period of four (4) years, two (2) of the members shall be appointed to serve for a period of three (3) years, and two (2) of the members shall be appointed to serve for a period of two (2) years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for a period of four (4) years.*
- (5) *Members shall serve without pay, and shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses.*
- (6) *A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.*
- (7) *The council shall meet as often as necessary, but it shall meet not less than two (2) and not more than six (6) times annually.*

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Kentucky National Guard and Reserve Employers' Council shall, as its mission, advise employers, both public and private, of the importance of supporting the National Guard and the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves by providing employee members with time off for training, and with job security during times of mobilization. The

council may recommend solutions to employment problems encountered by members of the National Guard or military reserves who are mobilized, and it may offer proposed policy or statutory changes to deal with those problems.

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