

## CHAPTER 10

## (SB 65)

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *There is created the Kentucky Sports Authority, which shall be attached to the Tourism Development Cabinet, Office of the Secretary, for administrative purposes.*
- (2) *The authority shall consist of fifteen (15) members, including the Lieutenant Governor, the secretary of the Tourism Development Cabinet, the secretary of the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet, and twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor. The members appointed by the Governor shall include representatives of the Kentucky Racing Authority, the fish and wildlife community, and the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission.*
- (3) *The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chairperson of the authority. Members shall elect other officers as they deem necessary. Of the members initially appointed by the Governor, one-third (1/3) shall serve a term of four (4) years, one-third (1/3) shall serve a term of three (3) years, and one-third (1/3) shall serve a term of two (2) years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years.*
- (4) *The secretary of the Tourism Development Cabinet shall appoint an executive director, with the prior written approval of the Governor, to head the authority. The cabinet shall provide additional administrative support to the authority from the cabinet's existing staff as necessary.*
- (5) *The authority shall meet monthly and at other times as necessary, upon the call of the chairperson. Members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing the authority's duties, functions, and responsibilities.*
- (6) *The authority's primary responsibility shall be to recruit, promote, assist, place, and develop sporting events, facilities, attractions, and programs in the Commonwealth, with the ultimate goal of developing commerce, the economy, job opportunities, and revenue streams. The authority's duties shall include but not be limited to the following:*
  - (a) *Lead efforts to attract national and regional sporting events to Kentucky by working with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Professional Golf Association, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the Professional Bowlers' Association, the Professional Tennis Tour, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, the United States Olympic Committee, Bassmasters, and other nationally recognized organizations;*
  - (b) *Work toward establishing professional franchises in Kentucky, and develop an overall strategic plan to recruit and retain all forms of professional and amateur sporting events, including boxing, motor vehicle racing, baseball, football, soccer, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, volleyball, and figure skating;*
  - (c) *Identify and propose improvements for sporting activity infrastructure, including opportunities for private and public partnership on infrastructure development;*

*present for the Governor's approval any financial plan that would require state tax dollars to build new athletic facilities; and upon the Governor's approval of a proposed financial plan, present it to the General Assembly;*

- (d) Foster relationships between sporting event organizers and event sponsors, and between and among state agencies, and provide advice and direction for increasing the number and quality of sporting events;*
- (e) Evaluate various sports and sports-related activities and entities, such as auto racing, summer instructional camps for cheerleading, and sports agents, and make written recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly as to whether additional regulation, licensing, or taxing are necessary;*
- (f) Attempt to involve renowned Kentucky athletes in the war against drugs and the promotion of the Governor's Wellness Initiative;*
- (g) Work with Kentucky Educational Television and other media outlets to establish and develop a twenty-four (24) hour television channel devoted to promoting and highlighting healthy lifestyles, sports, and applicable government programs, such as the state park system and the Department of Fish and Wildlife;*
- (h) Develop and recommend to the Governor as necessary legislation and administrative regulations to further the purposes of the authority, provide additional professional and amateur participation by Kentucky's citizens, provide adequate safety measures and ethical operations for sporting events, recruit and maintain professional and amateur sporting events, and address the fiscal and tax implications of the issues and activities of this section; and*
- (i) Assume all duties, functions, responsibilities, records, equipment, and staff of the Governor's Commission on Sports, Physical Activity, and Wellness established under KRS 11.190, and establish a council titled the Council on Sports, Physical Activity and Wellness to implement these transferred statutory responsibilities.*

Section 2. The following KRS section is repealed:

11.190 Governor's Commission on Sports, Physical Activity, and Wellness -- Membership -- Functions.

Section 3. In order to reflect the reorganization effectuated by this Act, the reviser of statutes shall replace references in the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the agencies, subagencies, and officers affected by this Act with references to the appropriate successor agencies, subagencies, and officers. The reviser of statutes shall base these actions on the functions assigned to the new entities and may consult with officers of the affected agencies to accomplish this purpose.

Section 4. The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 2005-001, relating to the establishment of the Kentucky Sports Authority, to the extent that it is not otherwise confirmed by this Act.

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