

**CHAPTER 120****(SB 192)**

AN ACT relating to family resource and youth services centers and making an appropriation therefor.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 156.4975 is amended to read as follows:

As used in **Section 2 of this Act and** KRS~~[156.497,]~~ 156.4975~~[,]~~ and 156.4977:

- (1) "Core component" means one (1) of the activities or services for children and their families provided by a family resource or youth services center required by **Section 2 of this Act**~~[KRS 156.497(3) and (4)]~~.
- (2) "Optional component" means one (1) of the activities or services provided for children or their families as part of the implementation of a family resource or youth services center in addition to those required by **Section 2 of this Act**~~[KRS 156.497(3) and (4)]~~ and designed to satisfy unique community needs.
- (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- ~~{(4) "Task Force" means the Interagency Task Force on Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.}~~

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Family resource and youth services centers shall be designed to meet the needs of children and their families by providing services to enhance a student's ability to succeed in school. If resources are limited, students and families who are the most economically disadvantaged shall receive priority status for receiving services.*
- (2) *Family resource centers shall be located in or near each elementary school in the Commonwealth in which twenty percent (20%) or more of the student body are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Family resource centers shall promote identification and coordination of existing resources and shall include but not be limited to the following core components for each site:*
  - (a) *Full-time preschool child care for children two (2) and three (3) years of age;*
  - (b) *After-school child care for children ages four (4) through twelve (12), with the child care being full-time during the summer and on other days when school is not in session;*
  - (c) *Families in training, which shall consist of an integrated approach to home visits, group meetings, and monitoring child development for new and expectant parents;*
  - (d) *Family literacy services as described in KRS 158.360 or a similar program designed to provide opportunities for parents and children to learn together and promote lifelong learning; and*
  - (e) *Health services or referrals to health services, or both.*
- (3) *Youth services centers shall be located in or near each school in the Commonwealth, except elementary schools, in which twenty percent (20%) or more of the student body are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Youth services centers shall promote identification and coordination of existing resources and shall include but not be limited to the following core components for each site:*
  - (a) *Referrals to health and social services;*
  - (b) *Career exploration and development;*
  - (c) *Summer and part-time job development for high school students;*
  - (d) *Substance abuse education and counseling; and*
  - (e) *Family crisis and mental health counseling.*
- (4) *A grant program is hereby established to provide financial assistance to eligible school districts to establish or maintain family resource or youth services centers. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall award grants pursuant to Section 3 of this Act. Funding provided to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the grant program and agency administrative costs shall include an increase that is equal to or greater than the general fund growth factor provided in agency budget instructions.*

- (5) *A family resource or youth services center that receives funding for one (1) year or more shall not be considered ineligible for funding based solely on the percent of the student body eligible for free or reduced-price school meals unless the percent of the student body eligible for free or reduced-price school meals is below twenty percent (20%) for five (5) consecutive years.*
- (6) *A school district shall not operate a family resource center or a youth services center that provides abortion counseling or makes referrals to a health care facility for the purpose of seeking an abortion.*

➔Section 3. KRS 156.4977 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) ~~Beginning with fiscal year 1992, Grants shall be awarded to eligible local school districts to implement or continue family resource and youth services centers as defined in *Section 2 of this Act* [KRS 156.4977].~~
- (2) Grant proposal instructions shall be developed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The instructions shall be contained in a grant application package and distributed to each local public school district in which there are qualifying schools.
- (3) A proposal review team comprised of at least three (3) members shall review proposals and score each application in accordance with training provided and scoring procedures established by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Proposal reviewers shall be selected by the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The reviewers shall submit the scored proposals to the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Written notification of the secretary's final decision on proposals shall be provided by the secretary to each applicant school district.
- (4) The application from each qualifying school or school consortium shall contain the following:
- (a) A statement of need;
  - (b) Proposed goals and outcomes;
  - (c) A description of the actual services and activities to be provided at the center and how they shall be provided;
  - (d) A description of how the children and families with the most urgent needs will be served first;
  - (e) Written agreements with other service providers;
  - (f) A description of the development, composition, and role of the local advisory council;
  - (g) The strategies to disseminate information;
  - (h) A training plan;
  - (i) A description of procedures to be followed to obtain parental permission for services and for sharing confidential information with other service providers. Procedures shall be developed pursuant to federal law and the Kentucky Revised Statutes including, but not limited to, KRS 210.410, 214.185, 222.441, 645.030, and Chapters 620 and 635 and shall require that no family resource center or youth services center offer contraceptives to minor students prior to receiving the express consent of the student's parent or legal guardian;
  - (j) A plan to minimize stigma;
  - (k) A work plan for each of the core components and optional components;
  - (l) Job descriptions for staff;
  - (m) A description of the center location and school accessibility;
  - (n) A description of the hours of operation of the center;
  - (o) A financial strategy and budget;
  - (p) A program evaluation plan; and
  - (q) Letters of endorsement and commitment to the center from community agencies and organizations.
- (5) Grant proposal instruction and scoring procedures shall be made available to all qualifying schools.

➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*The Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers shall promulgate administrative regulations to:*

- (1) Implement requirements for applications for continuation funding of a family resource or youth services center; and*
- (2) Establish a continuing education program for coordinators and staff.*

**Signed by Governor April 14, 2008.**