

CHAPTER 42**(HB 198)**

AN ACT relating to community education.

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

Section 1. KRS 160.155 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 160.157, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Board" means the board of education of a local school district;
- (2) "Community school" means a school that makes its facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available program resources, and assists in the initiation of programs to improve the cultural, social, recreational, and educational opportunities available in a community;
- (3) "Community education program" means a program in which a public building, including a public elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated by a local education agency in cooperation with other groups in the community, community organizations, and local governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational, cultural, health care, and other related community services in accordance with the needs, interests, and concerns of the community; **and**
- (4) "Community education director" means an employee of a local school district who is responsible for a **countywide**~~[systemwide]~~ program of community education in a school district **or school districts**~~;~~
- ~~(5) "Community education coordinator" means an employee of a local school district who is responsible for the coordination of a specific program or other component of a total community education program within a local school district or community.~~

Section 2. KRS 160.156 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Kentucky Board of Education shall develop a state plan for community education which sets forth the goals and objectives of the program and establishes a system of priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need.
- (2) The Kentucky **Department**~~[Board]~~ of Education shall administer a grant program pursuant to KRS 160.155 and 160.157 to provide money to local school districts to **employ one (1) full-time community education director**~~;~~
 - ~~(a) Support staff~~ to plan and manage programs and services for community education~~;~~
 - ~~(b) Support programs~~ that are targeted to the greatest educational needs in the community~~;~~ and ~~to~~
 - ~~(c)~~ encourage cooperation among all local school districts in a county. **Funds shall also be used to provide professional development training to all state-funded community education directors.**
- (3) Funds appropriated for this purpose shall be distributed by the Kentucky **Department**~~[Board]~~ of Education through a grant process. Districts shall provide a twenty-five percent (25%) cash match in order to receive state community education funding.

Section 3. KRS 160.157 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A public school district may receive funding for a community school program if it meets all of the following criteria:
 - (a) Submits an application for approval by the Kentucky Board of Education in the manner and form prescribed by the Department of Education;
 - (b) Submits a plan, approved by the local board, which outlines the proposed community education program, including procedures for obtaining the involvement and cooperation of other agencies and groups in identifying and recommending programs for meeting locally determined needs;
 - (c) Establishes a council with the power to make district-wide decisions of policy to assist in conducting community needs assessments and recommending program priorities;

- (d) Employs~~at least~~ one (1) full-time community education director.
- (2) Two (2) or more school districts may combine for purposes of qualifying for state funds if the local districts identify a district of record for purposes of receiving state community education funds, maintaining records, and filing reports. Two (2) or more districts in the same county that wish to apply for state funds shall submit a joint proposal.
- (3) Each grantee receiving state funds for a community education program shall submit an annual report to the *Kentucky*~~State~~ Department of Education. The report shall include an evaluation of the program and a financial statement. Failure to submit the report shall result in the loss of state funding.

Signed by the Governor March 20, 2009.