

CHAPTER 178**(HB 351)**

AN ACT relating to community education.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 160.158 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A state Council for Community Education shall be established for the purpose of advising the commissioner of education and the Department of Education on issues relating to community education programs and making recommendations for the funding of local community education programs.
- (2) The council shall have a membership of fifteen (15) persons, appointed by the Governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:
 - (a) Civic organizations;
 - (b) Community-based organizations;
 - (c) Community education organizations;
 - (d) Local government;
 - (e) Local school district administrators;
 - (f) Parent organizations;
 - (g) Postsecondary education;
 - (h) School boards; and
 - (i) Teachers.
- (3) *In the event of a vacancy on the council, the Kentucky Community Education Association and the commissioner or his or her designee for community education shall work jointly to create a list of at least three (3) nominees to present to the Governor for consideration. If more than one (1) vacancy exists on the council at the same time, the committee shall submit a number of nominees equal to three (3) times the number of vacancies. The Governor may select the appointee from among the nominees.*
- (4) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and electing officers to include: chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. ***The council shall schedule all subsequent meetings.***
- (5)~~(4)~~ The council shall not meet more than four (4) times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses but shall not receive a per diem allowance.

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