

CHAPTER 77

(HB 7)

AN ACT relating to the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities is hereby created and shall be attached to the Office of Drug Control Policy within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for administrative purposes.*
- (2) *The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities shall consist of the following members:*
 - (a) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky League of Cities, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (b) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky Association of Counties, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (c) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (d) *One (1) representative from the Recovery Consortium of Kentucky, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (e) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky School Boards Association, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (f) *One (1) representative that represents the leadership of active law enforcement officers in Kentucky, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (g) *One (1) representative that is a practicing physician with an active license in Kentucky representing the medical profession, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (h) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky Pharmacists Association, appointed by the governor;*
 - (i) *One (1) representative from a family advocate organization who shall have experience in substance use recovery disorders, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (j) *One (1) representative from a faith community organization who shall have experience in substance use recovery disorders, appointed by the Governor*
 - (k) *Two (2) individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder, one (1) of whom has served time in jail or prison due to a substance use disorder, appointed by the Governor;*
 - (l) *The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or his or her designee;*
 - (m) *The Attorney General, or his or her designee;*
 - (n) *The commissioner of the Department for Public Health, or his or her designee;*
 - (o) *The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, or his or her designee;*
 - (p) *The commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or his or her designee;*
 - (q) *The commissioner of the Department of Workforce Investment, or his or her designee;*
 - (r) *The public advocate, or his or her designee;*
 - (s) *The President of the Senate, or his or her designee;*
 - (t) *The Speaker of the House, or his or her designee; and*
 - (u) *One (1) representative from the Kentucky Association of Regional Programs, appointed by the Governor.*

The Governor shall designate a chairperson.

- (3) *Appointed members of the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with KRS 45.101 and administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.*

- (4) *The Governor shall appoint advisory council members who reflect, inasmuch as possible, the political, geographic, gender, age, and racial diversity of the population of the Commonwealth.*
- (5) *The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities shall:*
 - (a) *Establish a Kentucky Recovery Ready Community Certification Program for cities and counties. The purpose of the certification program is to provide a quality measure of a city's or county's substance use disorder recovery programs and to assure citizens and businesses that a city or county is committed to ensuring the availability of high quality recovery programs in its community that can help lead to a highly skilled community workforce;*
 - (b) *Establish guidelines, protocols, standards, and an application and approval process for cities and counties related to the Kentucky Recovery Ready Community Certification Program;*
 - (c) *Ensure that the certification process evaluates a city's or county's availability of high quality substance use treatment programs in their communities for persons in active, post, and recovered addiction status;*
 - (d) *Request and utilize federal, state, and private funds, including funds from philanthropic sources;*
 - (e) *Improve procedures for ensuring accountability and measuring success of recovery programs that receive state, federal, and philanthropic funds; and*
 - (f) *Other duties and responsibilities as designated by the Governor.*
- (6) *The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet may contract with any public or private agency or any individual for research, the gathering of information, the printing and publication of reports, consulting, or for any other purpose necessary to discharge the duties of the advisory council.*
- (7) *The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, in collaboration with the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities created under subsection (1) of this section, may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to carry out this section.*

Signed by Governor March 23, 2021.