

CHAPTER 30**(SB 265)**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky State University board of regents and declaring an emergency.

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

→Section 1. The General Assembly finds and declares that the Kentucky State University board of regents has a current membership that has a history of failing to function and is no longer functioning according to its statutory mandate. The General Assembly further finds and declares that, notwithstanding the requirements of KRS 63.080, the members of the Kentucky State University board of regents appointed by the Governor as of the effective date of this Act, including members not yet confirmed by the Senate, shall be replaced by the Governor with new appointees consistent with KRS 164.321.

→Section 2. Notwithstanding KRS 164.005(5), by March 26, 2022, the Governor's Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee shall submit 16 nominations to the Governor for the Kentucky State University board of regents. Current Kentucky State University board members may be considered by the committee for nomination. Notwithstanding KRS 12.070(3), on or before April 4, 2022, the Governor shall select eight of the nominees for appointment to the Kentucky State University board of regents to fulfill the remaining terms of the replaced members. Notwithstanding KRS 164.321(3), the political affiliation representation requirement, the limit on members being residents of the same county, and the limit on institutional graduates who reside outside Kentucky shall not apply to the appointments made under this section. The appointees shall be subject to Senate confirmation in accordance with KRS 164.321.

→Section 3. Whereas the effective governance of Kentucky State University is critical to Kentucky's students and economy, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor March 25, 2022.