

**CHAPTER 167****( HB 401 )**

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

→Section 1. KRS 12.020 is amended to read as follows:

Departments, program cabinets and their departments, and the respective major administrative bodies that they include are enumerated in this section. It is not intended that this enumeration of administrative bodies be all-inclusive. Every authority, board, bureau, interstate compact, commission, committee, conference, council, office, or any other form of organization shall be included in or attached to the department or program cabinet in which they are included or to which they are attached by statute or statutorily authorized executive order; except in the case of the Personnel Board and where the attached department or administrative body is headed by a constitutionally elected officer, the attachment shall be solely for the purpose of dissemination of information and coordination of activities and shall not include any authority over the functions, personnel, funds, equipment, facilities, or records of the department or administrative body.

I. Cabinet for General Government - Departments headed by elected officers:

- (1) The Governor.
- (2) Lieutenant Governor.
- (3) Department of State.
  - (a) Secretary of State.
  - (b) Board of Elections.
  - (c) Registry of Election Finance.
- (4) Department of Law.
  - (a) Attorney General.
- (5) Department of the Treasury.
  - (a) Treasurer.
- (6) Department of Agriculture.
  - (a) Commissioner of Agriculture.
  - (b) Agricultural Development Board.
  - (c) Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.
- (7) Auditor of Public Accounts.

II. Program cabinets headed by appointed officers:

- (1) Justice and Public Safety Cabinet:
  - (a) Department of Kentucky State Police.
    1. Office of Administrative Services.
      - a. Division of Operational Support.
      - b. Division of Management Services.
    2. Office of Operations.
      - a. Division of West Troops.
      - b. Division of East Troops.
      - c. Division of Special Enforcement.

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- d. Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.
- 3. Office of Technical Services.
  - a. Division of Forensic Sciences.
  - b. Division of *Electronic Services* [~~Information Technology~~].
  - c. ***Division of Records Management.***
- (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training.
- (c) Department of Corrections.
- (d) Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (e) Office of the Secretary.
- (f) Office of Drug Control Policy.
- (g) Office of Legal Services.
- (h) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner.
- (i) Parole Board.
- (j) Kentucky State Corrections Commission.
- (k) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services.
- (l) Office of Human Resource Management.
  - 1. Division of Human Resource Administration.
  - 2. Division of Employee Management.
- (m) Department of Public Advocacy.
- (n) Office of Communications.
  - 1. Information Technology Services Division.
- (o) Office of Financial Management Services.
  - 1. Division of Financial Management.
- (p) Grants Management Division.
- (2) Energy and Environment Cabinet:
  - (a) Office of the Secretary.
    - 1. Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
    - 2. Office of Legal Services.
      - a. Legal Division I.
      - b. Legal Division II.
    - 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
    - 4. Office of Communication.
    - 5. Mine Safety Review Commission.
    - 6. Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves.
    - 7. Kentucky Public Service Commission.
  - (b) Department for Environmental Protection.
    - 1. Office of the Commissioner.
    - 2. Division for Air Quality.
    - 3. Division of Water.

4. Division of Environmental Program Support.
  5. Division of Waste Management.
  6. Division of Enforcement.
  7. Division of Compliance Assistance.
- (c) Department for Natural Resources.
1. Office of the Commissioner.
  2. Division of Mine Permits.
  3. Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement.
  4. Division of Abandoned Mine Lands.
  5. Division of Oil and Gas.
  6. Division of Mine Safety.
  7. Division of Forestry.
  8. Division of Conservation.
  9. Office of the Reclamation Guaranty Fund.
- (d) Office of Energy Policy.
1. Division of Energy Assistance.
- (e) Office of Administrative Services.
1. Division of Human Resources Management.
  2. Division of Financial Management.
  3. Division of Information Services.
- (3) Public Protection Cabinet.
- (a) Office of the Secretary.
1. Office of Communications and Public Outreach.
  2. Office of Legal Services.
    - a. Insurance Legal Division.
    - b. Charitable Gaming Legal Division.
    - c. Alcoholic Beverage Control Legal Division.
    - d. Housing, Buildings and Construction Legal Division.
    - e. Financial Institutions Legal Division.
    - f. Professional Licensing Legal Division.
  3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
  4. Office of Administrative Services.
    - a. Division of Human Resources.
    - b. Division of Fiscal Responsibility.
- (b) Office of Claims and Appeals.
1. Board of Tax Appeals.
  2. Board of Claims.
  3. Crime Victims Compensation Board.

- (c) Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission.
  - (d) Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
    - 1. Office of Executive Director.
      - a. Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and Compliance.
      - b. Division of Stewards.
      - c. Division of Licensing.
      - d. Division of Enforcement.
      - e. Division of Incentives and Development.
      - f. Division of Veterinary Services.
  - (e) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
    - 1. Division of Distilled Spirits.
    - 2. Division of Malt Beverages.
    - 3. Division of Enforcement.
  - (f) Department of Charitable Gaming.
    - 1. Division of Licensing and Compliance.
    - 2. Division of Enforcement.
  - (g) Department of Financial Institutions.
    - 1. Division of Depository Institutions.
    - 2. Division of Non-Depository Institutions.
    - 3. Division of Securities.
  - (h) Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.
    - 1. Division of Fire Prevention.
    - 2. Division of Plumbing.
    - 3. Division of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.
    - 4. Division of Building Code Enforcement.
  - (i) Department of Insurance.
    - 1. Division of Health and Life Insurance and Managed Care.
    - 2. Division of Property and Casualty Insurance.
    - 3. Division of Administrative Services.
    - 4. Division of Financial Standards and Examination.
    - 5. Division of Licensing.
    - 6. Division of Insurance Fraud Investigation.
    - 7. Division of Consumer Protection.
  - (j) Department of Professional Licensing.
    - 1. Real Estate Authority.
- (4) Transportation Cabinet:
- (a) Department of Highways.
    - 1. Office of Project Development.
    - 2. Office of Project Delivery and Preservation.

3. Office of Highway Safety.
4. Highway District Offices One through Twelve.
- (b) Department of Vehicle Regulation.
- (c) Department of Aviation.
- (d) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.
  1. Office of Local Programs.
  2. Office of Rural and Secondary Roads.
- (e) Office of the Secretary.
  1. Office of Public Affairs.
  2. Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development.
  3. Office of Budget and Fiscal Management.
  4. Office of Inspector General.
  5. Secretary's Office of Safety.
- (f) Office of Support Services.
- (g) Office of Transportation Delivery.
- (h) Office of Audits.
- (i) Office of Human Resource Management.
- (j) Office of Information Technology.
- (k) Office of Legal Services.
- (5) Cabinet for Economic Development:
  - (a) Office of the Secretary.
    1. Office of Legal Services.
    2. Department for Business Development.
    3. Department for Financial Services.
      - a. Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.
      - b. Finance and Personnel Division.
      - c. IT and Resource Management Division.
      - d. Compliance Division.
      - e. Incentive Administration Division.
      - f. Bluegrass State Skills Corporation.
    4. Office of Marketing and Public Affairs.
      - a. Communications Division.
      - b. Graphics Design Division.
    5. Office of Workforce, Community Development, and Research.
    6. Office of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Innovation.
      - a. Commission on Small Business Innovation and Advocacy.
- (6) Cabinet for Health and Family Services:
  - (a) Office of the Secretary.

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1. Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative Review.
  2. Office of Public Affairs.
  3. Office of Legal Services.
  4. Office of Inspector General.
  5. Office of Human Resource Management.
  6. Office of Finance and Budget.
  7. Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.
  8. Office of Administrative Services.
  9. Office of Application Technology Services.
  10. Office of Data Analytics.
- (b) Department for Public Health.
  - (c) Department for Medicaid Services.
  - (d) Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.
  - (e) Department for Aging and Independent Living.
  - (f) Department for Community Based Services.
  - (g) Department for Income Support.
  - (h) Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services.
  - (i) Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs.
- (7) Finance and Administration Cabinet:
- (a) Office of the Secretary.
  - (b) Office of the Inspector General.
  - (c) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
  - (d) Office of General Counsel.
  - (e) Office of the Controller.
  - (f) Office of Administrative Services.
  - (g) Office of Policy and Audit.
  - (h) Department for Facilities and Support Services.
  - (i) Department of Revenue.
  - (j) Commonwealth Office of Technology.
  - (k) State Property and Buildings Commission.
  - (l) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance.
  - (m) Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems.
  - (n) Commonwealth Credit Union.
  - (o) State Investment Commission.
  - (p) Kentucky Housing Corporation.
  - (q) Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority.
  - (r) Kentucky Turnpike Authority.
  - (s) Historic Properties Advisory Commission.
  - (t) Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

- (u) Kentucky River Authority.
- (v) Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
- (w) Executive Branch Ethics Commission.
- (x) Office of Fleet Management.
- (8) Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet:
  - (a) Kentucky Department of Tourism.
    - 1. Division of Tourism Services.
    - 2. Division of Marketing and Administration.
    - 3. Division of Communications and Promotions.
  - (b) Kentucky Department of Parks.
    - 1. Division of Information Technology.
    - 2. Division of Human Resources.
    - 3. Division of Financial Operations.
    - 4. Division of Purchasing.
    - 5. Division of Facilities.
    - 6. Division of Park Operations.
    - 7. Division of Sales, Marketing, and Customer Service.
    - 8. Division of Engagement.
    - 9. Division of Food Services.
    - 10. Division of Rangers.
  - (c) Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
    - 1. Division of Law Enforcement.
    - 2. Division of Administrative Services.
    - 3. Division of Engineering, Infrastructure, and Technology.
    - 4. Division of Fisheries.
    - 5. Division of Information and Education.
    - 6. Division of Wildlife.
    - 7. Division of Marketing.
  - (d) Kentucky Horse Park.
    - 1. Division of Support Services.
    - 2. Division of Buildings and Grounds.
    - 3. Division of Operational Services.
  - (e) Kentucky State Fair Board.
    - 1. Office of Administrative and Information Technology Services.
    - 2. Office of Human Resources and Access Control.
    - 3. Division of Expositions.
    - 4. Division of Kentucky Exposition Center Operations.
    - 5. Division of Kentucky International Convention Center.

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6. Division of Public Relations and Media.
  7. Division of Venue Services.
  8. Division of Personnel Management and Staff Development.
  9. Division of Sales.
  10. Division of Security and Traffic Control.
  11. Division of Information Technology.
  12. Division of the Louisville Arena.
  13. Division of Fiscal and Contract Management.
  14. Division of Access Control.
- (f) Office of the Secretary.
1. Office of Finance.
  2. Office of Government Relations and Administration.
- (g) Office of Legal Affairs.
- (h) Office of Human Resources.
- (i) Office of Public Affairs and Constituent Services.
- (j) Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage.
- (k) Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.
- (l) Kentucky Foundation for the Arts.
- (m) Kentucky Humanities Council.
- (n) Kentucky Heritage Council.
- (o) Kentucky Arts Council.
- (p) Kentucky Historical Society.
1. Division of Museums.
  2. Division of Oral History and Educational Outreach.
  3. Division of Research and Publications.
  4. Division of Administration.
- (q) Kentucky Center for the Arts.
1. Division of Governor's School for the Arts.
- (r) Kentucky Artisans Center at Berea.
- (s) Northern Kentucky Convention Center.
- (t) Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.
- (9) Personnel Cabinet:
- (a) Office of the Secretary.
  - (b) Department of Human Resources Administration.
  - (c) Office of Employee Relations.
  - (d) Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority.
  - (e) Office of Administrative Services.
  - (f) Office of Legal Services.
  - (g) Governmental Services Center.



- (h) Department of Employee Insurance.
- (i) Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training.
- (j) Office of Public Affairs.
- (10) Education and Labor Cabinet:
  - (a) Office of the Secretary.
    - 1. Office of Legal Services.
      - a. Workplace Standards Legal Division.
      - b. Workers' Claims Legal Division.
      - c. Workforce Development Legal Division.
    - 2. Office of Administrative Services.
      - a. Division of Human Resources Management.
      - b. Division of Fiscal Management.
      - c. Division of Operations and Support Services.
    - 3. Office of Technology Services.
      - a. Division of Information Technology Services.
    - 4. Office of Policy and Audit.
    - 5. Office of Legislative Services.
    - 6. Office of Communications.
    - 7. Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
    - 8. Board of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
    - 9. Early Childhood Advisory Council.
    - 10. Governors' Scholars Program.
    - 11. Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Program.
    - 12. Foundation for Adult Education.
  - (b) Department of Education.
    - 1. Kentucky Board of Education.
    - 2. Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board.
    - 3. Education Professional Standards Board.
  - (c) Board of Directors for the Center for School Safety.
  - (d) Department for Libraries and Archives.
  - (e) Kentucky Environmental Education Council.
  - (f) Kentucky Educational Television.
  - (g) Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
  - (h) Department of Workforce Development.
    - 1. Career Development Office.
    - 2. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
      - a. Division of Kentucky Business Enterprise.
      - b. Division of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center.

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- c. Division of Blind Services.
  - d. Division of Field Services.
  - e. Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation.
  - f. Employment First Council.
  - 3. Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services.
    - a. Division of Apprenticeship.
  - 4. Kentucky Apprenticeship Council.
  - 5. Division of Technical Assistance.
  - 6. Office of Adult Education.
  - 7. Office of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
  - (i) Department of Workplace Standards.
    - 1. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance.
    - 2. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Education and Training.
    - 3. Division of Wages and Hours.
  - (j) Office of Unemployment Insurance.
  - (k) Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Commission.
  - (l) Department of Workers' Claims.
    - 1. Division of Workers' Compensation Funds.
    - 2. Office of Administrative Law Judges.
    - 3. Division of Claims Processing.
    - 4. Division of Security and Compliance.
    - 5. Division of Specialist and Medical Services.
    - 6. Workers' Compensation Board.
  - (m) Workers' Compensation Funding Commission.
  - (n) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.
  - (o) State Labor Relations Board.
  - (p) Employers' Mutual Insurance Authority.
  - (q) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.
  - (r) Workers' Compensation Nominating Committee.
  - (s) Office of Educational Programs.
  - (t) Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
  - (u) Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.
  - (v) Kentucky Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee.
  - (w) Kentucky Geographic Education Board.
- III. Other departments headed by appointed officers:
- (1) Council on Postsecondary Education.
  - (2) Department of Military Affairs.
  - (3) Department for Local Government.
  - (4) Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

- (5) Kentucky Commission on Women.
- (6) Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- (7) Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- (8) Office of Minority Empowerment.
- (9) Governor's Council on Wellness and Physical Activity.
- (10) Kentucky Communications Network Authority.

➔Section 2. KRS 15A.020 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall have the following departments:
  - (a) Department of Corrections;
  - (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training, which shall have the following divisions:
    1. Training Operations Division; and
    2. Administrative Division;
  - (c) Department of Juvenile Justice, which shall have the following offices:
    1. Office of Program Operations, which shall have the following divisions:
      - a. Division of Western Region;
      - b. Division of Eastern Region; and
      - c. Division of Placement Services;
    2. Office of Support Services, which shall have the following divisions:
      - a. Division of Administrative Services;
      - b. Division of Program Services; and
      - c. Division of Medical Services; and
    3. Office of Community and Mental Health Services, which shall have the following divisions:
      - a. Division of Professional Development; and
      - b. Division of Community and Mental Health Services;
  - (d) Department of Kentucky State Police, which shall have the following offices and divisions:
    1. Office of Administrative Services, which shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the commissioner;
      - a. Division of Operational Support, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Administrative Services; and
      - b. Division of Management Services, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Administrative Services;
    2. Office of Operations, which shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the commissioner;
      - a. Division of West Troops, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Operations;

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- b. Division of East Troops, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Operations;
  - c. Division of Special Enforcement, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Operations; and
  - d. Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Operations; and
3. Office of Technical Services, which shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the commissioner;
- a. Division of Forensic Services, which shall be headed by a director who shall have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a natural science and at least seven (7) years of experience in an accredited forensic laboratory, who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Technical Services;~~and~~
  - b. Division of **Electronic Services**~~Information Technology~~, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Technical Services; and
  - c. **Division of Records Management, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police and who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Technical Services; and**
- (e) Department of Public Advocacy, which shall have the following divisions:
- 1. Protection and Advocacy Division;
  - 2. Division of Law Operations;
  - 3. Division of Trial Services;
  - 4. Division of Post-Trial Services; and
  - 5. Division of Conflict Services.
- (2) Each department, except for the Department of Public Advocacy, shall be headed by a commissioner who shall be appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.040. Each commissioner shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall have such functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as the secretary may prescribe. The Department of Public Advocacy shall be headed by the public advocate, appointed as required by KRS 31.020, who shall be directly responsible to the Public Advocacy Commission. The Department of Public Advocacy is an independent state agency which shall be attached to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for administrative purposes only. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall not have control over the Department of Public Advocacy's information technology equipment and use unless granted access by court order.
- (3) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall have the following offices and divisions:
- (a) Office of the Secretary, which shall be headed by a deputy secretary appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 and responsible for the direct administrative support for the secretary and other duties as assigned by the secretary, and which, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;
  - (b) Office of Human Resource Management, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible to and report to the secretary and be responsible for all matters relating to human resources, and who, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

1. Division of Human Resource Administration, which shall be headed by a director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Human Resource Management; and
  2. Division of Employee Management, which shall be headed by a director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Human Resource Management;
- (c) Office of Legal Services, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 and 12.210, that:
1. Shall provide legal representation and services for the cabinet; and
  2. May investigate all complaints regarding the facilities, staff, treatment of juveniles, and other matters relating to the operation of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. If it appears that there is a violation of statutes, administrative regulations, policies, court decisions, the rights of juveniles who are subject to the orders of the department, or any other matter relating to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the office shall report to the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet who shall, if required, refer the matter to a law enforcement agency, Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, the Attorney General, or federal agencies, as appropriate. The office may be used to investigate matters in which there is a suspicion of violation of written policy, administrative regulation, or statutory law within the Department of Public Advocacy only when the investigation will have no prejudicial impact upon a person who has an existing attorney-client relationship with the Department of Public Advocacy. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph, investigation and discipline of KRS Chapter 16 personnel shall continue to be conducted by the Department of Kentucky State Police pursuant to KRS Chapter 16. The office shall conduct no other investigations under the authority granted in this subparagraph. The secretary may, by administrative order, assign the investigative functions in this subparagraph to a branch within the office.

The executive director shall be directly responsible to and report to the secretary and, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such attorneys appointed pursuant to KRS 12.210 and other staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

- (d) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible for all matters relating to the provision of support to the Criminal Justice Council, legislative liaison services, and functions and duties vested in the Criminal Justice Council as described in KRS 15A.030. The executive director shall be directly responsible to and report to the secretary and may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;
- (e) Office of Communications, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible to report to the secretary and be responsible for all matters relating to communications, and who, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;
1. Information and Technology Services Division, which shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Communications;
- (f) Office of Financial Management Services, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible to report to the secretary and be responsible for all matters relating to fiscal functions, and who, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;
1. Division of Financial Management, which shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall report to the executive director of the Office of Financial Management Services;
- (g) Grants Management Division, which shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible to report to the

secretary and be responsible for all matters relating to state and federal grants management, and who, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

- (h) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner, which shall be headed by a chief medical examiner appointed pursuant to KRS 72.240 who shall be responsible for all matters relating to forensic pathology and forensic toxicology and other duties as assigned by the secretary. The executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 shall be responsible for all matters related to the administrative support of the Office of the State Medical Examiner. The executive director shall report directly to the secretary and with the approval of the secretary may employ such administrative support staff as necessary to perform the administrative duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office. The chief medical examiner shall be directly responsible to and report to the secretary and may employ such staff as necessary to perform the forensic duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office; and
- (i) Office of Drug Control Policy, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible for all matters relating to the research, coordination, and execution of drug control policy and for the management of state and federal grants, including but not limited to the prevention and treatment related to substance abuse. By December 31 of each year, the Office of Drug Control Policy shall review, approve, and coordinate all current projects of any substance abuse program which is conducted by or receives funding through agencies of the executive branch. This oversight shall extend to all substance abuse programs which are principally related to the prevention or treatment, or otherwise targeted at the reduction, of substance abuse in the Commonwealth. The Office of Drug Control Policy shall promulgate administrative regulations consistent with enforcing this oversight authority. The executive director shall be directly responsible to and report to the secretary and may employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office.

**Signed by Governor April 4, 2023.**