

196.704 Commission's duties relating to Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program.

For a Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP) administered pursuant to KRS 197.105, the Kentucky State Corrections Commission shall:

- (1) Develop a statewide strategic plan for the development and implementation of goals, objectives, and criteria for Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Programs (PIECPs);
- (2) Conduct a statewide assessment of business opportunities for the Kentucky Correctional Industries operating locations and private business opportunities;
- (3) Conduct an assessment of any private business that applies to partner with PIECPs;
- (4) Review any information provided to the commission by companies, organized labor, the Department of Corrections, or any agency of state government in regard to:
 - (a) Potential job displacements relating to PIECPs;
 - (b) Appropriate leased-labor pay rates for proposed business participants;
 - (c) Opportunities to partner with businesses;
 - (d) Reduction in the rate of recidivism; and
 - (e) Business plans presented to the commission;
- (5) Provide technical assistance and support to potential partners;
- (6) Submit an annual report no later than September 1 of each year to the commissioner, the Governor, and the General Assembly, which shall include at least the following information:
 - (a) The status of the implementation of the statewide strategic plan;
 - (b) The effectiveness of the commission in achieving the goals outlined in this section; and
 - (c) An accounting of the distribution of profits and losses for the fiscal year;
- (7) Advise the Governor and the commissioner concerning PIECPs' policies and programs, including particularly the following:
 - (a) The need for, and the development of, new or specialized facilities or programs;
 - (b) The need for, and the effectuation of, collaboration and liaison within the department and between the department and community agencies and resources, including the bench and bar, in order to promote the readjustment and rehabilitation of offenders in institutions; and
 - (c) The need for, and the development of, useful research in development of PIECPs; and
- (8) Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A for businesses and the operating procedures of the Kentucky State Corrections Commission, and the procedures for addressing the handling of injury to inmates participating in the PIECPs, such as workers' compensation insurance or another program.

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