

12.270 Cabinet secretaries -- Authority, powers, and duties.

- (1) The secretary of each cabinet shall:
 - (a) Be a member of the Governor's Cabinet and shall serve as the Governor's liaison in carrying out the responsibilities for overall direction and coordination of the departments, boards, and commissions included in the related cabinet;
 - (b) Recommend to the Governor desired reorganization affecting the related cabinet;
 - (c) Advise the Governor on executive actions, legislative matters, and other steps that may be desirable for better program service;
 - (d) Evaluate and pass upon all budget requests originated by the departments, boards, and commissions within the related cabinet;
 - (e) Advise the Governor on the appointment of commissioners and heads of units included in the related cabinet, except for those whose election or selection is otherwise provided for by law.
- (2) Except as provided by KRS 45.255, each secretary is authorized to accept and expend funds from any source, whether public or private, in support of the duties and responsibilities of the related cabinet.
- (3) Each secretary shall have any and all necessary power and authority, subject to appropriate provisions of the statutes, to create such positions and to employ the necessary personnel in such positions to enable the secretary to perform the functions of his or her office.
- (4) Each secretary shall have exclusive control and direction over the administration of the related cabinet programs as required by law.

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