

15.111 Office of Administrative Hearings.

- (1) The Office of Administrative Hearings is created within the Department of Law.
- (2) This office shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Employing and maintaining a pool of hearing officers for assignment to the individual agencies at their request, for the conduct of administrative hearings. The Attorney General's office may also employ other staff as necessary to carry out functions and responsibilities assigned by KRS Chapter 13B;
 - (b) Reviewing and approving or disapproving requests from agencies for waivers from provisions of KRS Chapter 13B;
 - (c) Providing training in administrative hearing procedures for hearing officers as required in KRS 13B.030, either by developing and offering the training, or by contracting with appropriate organizations for the provision of training, or by approving training developed and submitted by the agencies;
 - (d) Consulting with the Personnel Cabinet and employing agencies in the establishment of relevant and appropriate qualifications for classes of hearing officers;
 - (e) Reporting to the Legislative Research Commission by July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the status of the administrative hearing process in Kentucky. The report shall include a compilation of statistical data and other information necessary to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of hearing procedures and recommendations for making improvements to the system. Agencies shall provide the information requested by the Office of Administrative Hearings necessary to complete the report;
 - (f) Reporting to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Inspector General, for review and investigation:
 1. Any charge or case against any employee of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services where it has cause to believe the employee has engaged in dishonest, unethical, or illegal conduct or practices related to his or her job duties; or
 2. Any violation of state law or administrative regulation by any organization or individual regulated by, or contracted with, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; and
 - (g) Conducting and providing oversight of administrative hearings as it relates to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

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