

164.591 Creation or expansion of college or campus requiring appropriation -- Review by board of regents -- Reports to Legislative Research Commission -- Approval by General Assembly. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) If the president of the KCTCS determines that there is a necessity to create or expand any college or campus requiring an appropriation by the General Assembly due to a new accredited program or workforce initiative program proposed in accordance with KRS 164.583(4)(a), the president shall:
 - (a) Include a plan for review and approval by the KCTCS board of regents for inclusion in the biennial budget request pursuant to KRS 164.7915; and
 - (b) Not be authorized to move forward to create or expand any college or campus under this subsection unless the General Assembly appropriates funds and the council approves the proposal in accordance with KRS 164.583(5).
- (2) No later than thirty (30) days after approval of the proposed plan by the council, the KCTCS shall submit the proposed plan in its entirety and a report on the proposed plan to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committees on Education and Appropriations and Revenue or, when the General Assembly is in session, to the Senate Standing Committees on Education and Appropriations and Revenue and the House Standing Committees on Postsecondary Education and Appropriations and Revenue, which includes the following as it relates to the proposed plan:
 - (a) An accounting of all necessary expenditures by fund source;
 - (b) A detailed accounting of all administrative expenses;
 - (c) A detailed accounting of all expenses not otherwise classified;
 - (d) Identification of any reduction in expenditures;
 - (e) An explanation of any new expenses or cost savings expected to be realized based on the plan; and
 - (f) An explanation of how the plan aligns with the operational plan of the KCTCS and the strategic plan of the council.
- (3) The KCTCS shall submit documentation of capital and operating expenses associated with and specific to the plan with the next biennial budget request.
- (4) Final approval of the proposed plan shall require the president of the KCTCS to obtain approval by the General Assembly by means of an act or joint resolution explicitly identifying and authorizing implementation of the plan.
- (5) By October 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the KCTCS shall submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committees on Education and Appropriations and Revenue providing the location, size of property, square footage of buildings, whether owned, leased, or rented, and the use of each property or building utilized by each college within the system, including all main campuses and satellite facilities, buildings, and properties as of January 1 of the year of submission.

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ch. 41, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1986. -- Amended 1968 Ky. Acts ch. 17, sec. 1; and
ch. 84, sec. 1. -- Created 1966 Ky. Acts ch. 6, sec. 7.