

12.216 Approval of certain litigation settlements by Attorney General -- Definitions for section -- Requirements.

- (1) As used in this section, "entity of the executive branch" means:
 - (a) Any department, program cabinet, or administrative body enumerated in KRS 12.020;
 - (b) Any department, office, administrative body, or executive branch agency attached to an executive branch department or program cabinet enumerated in KRS 12.020; or
 - (c) Any officer of any department, office, program cabinet, administrative body, or executive branch agency listed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.
- (2)
 - (a) Within one hundred eighty (180) days before a gubernatorial inauguration, the Attorney General shall, in consultation with the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, review and approve or disapprove any settlement of pending or threatened litigation involving an entity of the executive branch in which the settlement amount exceeds one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
 - (b) A settlement shall not be entered into or approved by an entity of the executive branch without prior approval of the Attorney General as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (3) The requirements of this section shall apply to any program cabinet, department, administrative body, or agency created by or attached to an entity of the executive branch after the July 15, 2026.

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