



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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SENATE BILL NO. 150

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The following bill was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

1 AN ACT relating to ethics laws.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 →Section 1. KRS 11A.010 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 5 (1) "Business" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited
6 partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association,
7 organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint stock company,
8 receivership, trust, or any legal entity through which business is conducted, whether
9 or not for profit;
- 10 (2) "Commission" means the Executive Branch Ethics Commission;
- 11 (3) "Compensation" means any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred
12 on, or received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by
13 himself or another;
- 14 (4) "Family" means spouse and children, as well as a person who is related to a public
15 servant as any of the following, whether by blood or adoption: parent, brother,
16 sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-
17 in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,
18 stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister;
- 19 (5) "Gift" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or
20 anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received; "gift"
21 does not include gifts from family members, campaign contributions, or door prizes
22 available to the public;
- 23 (6) "Income" means any money or thing of value received or to be received as a claim
24 on future services, whether in the form of a fee, salary, expense allowance,
25 forbearance, forgiveness, interest, dividend, royalty, rent, capital gain, or any other
26 form of compensation or any combination thereof;
- 27 (7) "Officer" means all major management personnel in the executive branch of state

1 government, including the secretary of the cabinet, the Governor's chief executive
2 officers, cabinet secretaries, deputy cabinet secretaries, general counsels,
3 commissioners, deputy commissioners, executive directors, principal assistants,
4 division directors, members and full-time chief administrative officers of the Parole
5 Board, Board of Tax Appeals, Board of Claims, Kentucky Horse Racing
6 Commission, Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees, Kentucky Teachers'
7 Retirement System board of trustees, Public Service Commission, Worker's
8 Compensation Board and its administrative law judges, the Kentucky Occupational
9 Safety and Health Review Commission, the Kentucky Board of Education, the
10 Council on Postsecondary Education, and any person who holds a personal service
11 contract to perform on a full-time basis for a period of time not less than six (6)
12 months a function of any position listed in this subsection;

13 (8) "Official duty" means any responsibility imposed on a public servant by virtue of
14 his or her position in the state service;

15 (9) "Public servant" means:

16 (a) The Governor;

17 (b) The Lieutenant Governor;

18 (c) The Secretary of State;

19 (d) The Attorney General;

20 (e) The Treasurer;

21 (f) The Commissioner of Agriculture;

22 (g) The Auditor of Public Accounts; and

23 (h) All employees in the executive branch including officers as defined in
24 subsection (7) of this section and merit employees;

25 (10) "Agency" means every state office, cabinet, department, board, commission, public
26 corporation, or authority in the executive branch of state government. A public
27 servant is employed by the agency by which his or her appointing authority is

- 1 employed, unless his or her agency is attached to the appointing authority's agency
2 for administrative purposes only, or unless the agency's characteristics are of a
3 separate independent nature distinct from the appointing authority and it is
4 considered an agency on its own, such as an independent department;
- 5 (11) "Lobbyist" means any person employed as a legislative agent as defined in KRS
6 6.611(23) or any person employed as an executive agency lobbyist as defined in
7 KRS 11A.201(8);
- 8 (12) "Lobbyist's principal" means the entity in whose behalf the lobbyist promotes,
9 opposes, or acts;
- 10 (13) "Candidate" means those persons who have officially filed candidacy papers or who
11 have been nominated by their political party pursuant to KRS 118.105, 118.115,
12 118.325, or 118.760 for any of the offices enumerated in subsections (9)(a) to (g) of
13 this section;
- 14 (14) "Does business with" or "doing business with" means contracting, entering into an
15 agreement, leasing, or otherwise exchanging services or goods with a state agency
16 in return for payment by the state, including accepting a grant, but not including
17 accepting a state entitlement fund disbursement;
- 18 (15) "Public agency" means any governmental entity;
- 19 (16) "Appointing authority" means the agency head or any person whom he or she has
20 authorized by law to act on behalf of the agency with respect to employee
21 appointments;
- 22 (17) "Represent" means to attend an agency proceeding, write a letter, or communicate
23 with an employee of an agency on behalf of someone else;
- 24 (18) "Directly involved" means to work on personally or to supervise someone who
25 works on personally;
- 26 (19) "Sporting event" means any professional or amateur sport, athletic game, contest,
27 event, or race involving machines, persons, or animals, for which admission tickets

1 are offered for sale and that is viewed by the public; and

2 (20) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, limited partnership,
3 joint venture, joint stock company, syndicate, business or statutory trust, donative
4 trust, estate, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, club,
5 committee, organization, or group of persons acting in concert.

6 →Section 2. KRS 230.230 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The Governor shall appoint an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of
8 the Governor. The Governor shall set the qualifications and salary for the position
9 of executive director pursuant to KRS 64.640. The executive director shall possess
10 the powers and perform the duties imposed upon him by the Governor, and other
11 duties as the racing commission may direct or prescribe. The executive director
12 shall:

- 13 (a) Be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the racing commission;
14 (b) Set up appropriate organizational structures and personnel policies for
15 approval by the racing commission;
16 (c) Appoint all staff;
17 (d) Prepare annual reports of the racing commission's program of work;
18 (e) Carry out policy and program directives of the racing commission;
19 (f) Prepare and submit to the racing commission for its approval the proposed
20 biennial budget of the racing commission; and
21 (g) Perform all other duties and responsibilities assigned by law.

22 The executive director shall cause to be kept a full record of all proceedings before
23 the racing commission and shall preserve at its general office all books, maps,
24 records, documents, licenses, and other papers of the racing commission. All
25 records of the racing commission shall be open to inspection by the public during
26 regular office hours. With approval of the racing commission, the executive director
27 may enter into agreements with any state agency or political subdivision of the state,

1 any postsecondary education institution, or any other person or entity to enlist
2 assistance to implement the duties and responsibilities of the racing commission.

3 (2) The executive director of the racing commission may employ, dismiss, or take other
4 personnel action concerning an assistant executive director, stenographers, clerks,
5 and other personnel as he or she may deem necessary to efficiently operate the
6 racing commission's general office or any branch thereof. The executive director of
7 the racing commission shall fix the compensation of all employees. Any member of
8 the racing commission or any employee referred to in this section shall be
9 reimbursed for expenses paid or incurred in the discharge of official business when
10 approved by the executive director of the racing commission. The compensation of
11 the employees referred to in this section, except for the executive director, together
12 with reimbursement of expenses incurred by employees, a member of the racing
13 commission, or the executive director, shall be paid from racing commission funds.

14 **(3) *Members of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and its employees shall be***
15 ***subject to provisions of Section 1 of this Act.***