

1 AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 164.296 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 **(1)** Vocational and nonvocational programs offered at the state universities shall be
5 operated and administered by those universities consistent with the regulations
6 developed by the board of trustees or regents and approved by the Council on
7 Postsecondary Education for the issuance of associate, baccalaureate, or graduate
8 degrees. Joint programming and articulation of vocational-technical education
9 nondegree programs with associate degree programs shall be pursued between the
10 Kentucky Community and Technical College System and other postsecondary
11 institutions when feasible. **Kentucky's comprehensive public universities may**~~No~~
12 ~~public institution of higher education shall~~ offer~~any~~ new **programs**~~program~~ of
13 a vocational-technical-occupational nature below the associate degree level **in**
14 **Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand sectors as determined by the Kentucky**
15 **Workforce Investment Board with**~~without the review of the board of regents for~~
16 ~~the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and~~ the approval of the
17 Council on Postsecondary Education. **The Council on Postsecondary Education**
18 **shall only approve such vocational-technical-occupational programs when the**
19 **program will be supported financially by the tuition revenue it generates, when**
20 **the program aligns with degree programs already in operation at the university,**
21 **and when the program aligns with the mission of the institution. Each approved**
22 **program shall be reviewed by the Council on Postsecondary Education after three**
23 **(3) years of implementation to ensure programs are financially viable and**
24 **aligned with workforce demand.**
- 25 **(2)** **No public institution of higher education shall offer new programs of a**
26 **vocational-technical-occupational nature below the associate degree level outside**
27 **of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand sectors without the review of the board of**

1 *regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the*
2 *approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education.* The board of regents for the
3 Kentucky Community and Technical College System, with approval of the Council
4 on Postsecondary Education, may contract with public institutions of higher
5 education for the operation of specific programs and projects.