

1 AN ACT relating to military affairs.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.12-203 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is created the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs. The commission  
5 shall be a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of  
6 KRS Chapter 12.
- 7 (2) It shall be the purpose of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs to:
- 8 (a) Address matters of military significance to Kentucky;
- 9 (b) Maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies  
10 and the military entities in Kentucky, as necessary to ensure coordination and  
11 implementation of unified, comprehensive, statewide strategies involved with,  
12 or affected by, the military;
- 13 (c) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Kentucky congressional  
14 delegation, and other appropriate government officials on all matters in which  
15 the military services and the Commonwealth have mutual interests, needs, and  
16 concerns;
- 17 (d) Take action to promote and optimize state and Department of Defense  
18 initiatives that will improve the military value of Kentucky's National Guard,  
19 active, and reserve military force structure and installations, and improve the  
20 quality of life for military personnel residing in the Commonwealth;
- 21 (e) Coordinate, as necessary, the state's interest in future Department of Defense  
22 base closure and restructuring activities;
- 23 (f) Recommend state, federal, and local economic development projects which  
24 would promote, foster, and support economic progress through military  
25 presence in the Commonwealth;
- 26 (g) Promote and assist the private sector in developing spin-off investments,  
27 employment, and educational opportunities associated with high-technology

- 1 programs and activities at Kentucky's military installations;
- 2 (h) Recommend to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership the long-
- 3 range options and potential for the defense facilities located in Kentucky;
- 4 (i) Develop strategies to encourage military personnel to retire and relocate in
- 5 Kentucky and promote those leaving the military as a viable quality workforce
- 6 for economic development and industrial recruitment; and
- 7 (j) Allocate available grant money to qualified applicants to further the purposes
- 8 of paragraphs (a) to (i) of this subsection.
- 9 (3) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall consist of:
- 10 (a) The Governor or a designated representative;
- 11 (b) The secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development or a designated
- 12 representative;
- 13 (c) The adjutant general of the Commonwealth or a designated representative;
- 14 (d) The executive director of the Office of Homeland Security or a designated
- 15 representative;
- 16 (e) The secretaries of the following cabinets or their designees:
- 17 1. Finance and Administration;
- 18 2. Justice and Public Safety;
- 19 3. Energy and Environment;
- 20 4. Transportation;
- 21 5. Education and Workforce Development;
- 22 6. Health and Family Services;
- 23 7. Personnel;
- 24 8. Labor;
- 25 9. Public Protection; and
- 26 10. Tourism, Arts and Heritage;
- 27 (f) The Attorney General or a designated representative;

- 1 (g) The commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or a designated  
 2 representative;
- 3 (h) The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs or a  
 4 designated representative;
- 5 (i) The chairperson of the Kentucky Committee for Employer Support of the  
 6 Guard and Reserve;
- 7 (j) Kentucky's Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the United States Army;
- 8 (k) The chairperson of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public  
 9 Protection Committee and the chairperson of the House of Representatives  
 10 Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee;
- 11 (l) The Chief Justice or a designated representative;
- 12 (m) The commander or the designee of the commander of each of the following as  
 13 nonvoting, ex officio members:
- 14 1. U.S. Army Cadet Command;
  - 15 2. U.S. Army Human Resources Command;
  - 16 3. U.S. Army Recruiting Command;
  - 17 4. 84th Training Command;
  - 18 5. One Hundredth Division (Institutional Training);
  - 19 6. 101st Airborne Division;
  - 20 7. Blue Grass Army Depot;
  - 21 8. Fort Campbell Garrison;
  - 22 9. Fort Knox Garrison;
  - 23 10. 11th Theatre Aviation Command, U.S. Army Reserve;
  - 24 11. ~~U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District;~~
  - 25 ~~12. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District;~~
  - 26 12~~13~~. Adjutant General of the U.S. Army; ~~and~~
  - 27 13. U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley;

1                   14. First Army Division East;

2                   15. 1st Theater Sustainment Command; and

3           (n) Five (5) at-large members appointed by the Governor, who shall be residents  
4           of counties significantly impacted by military installations.

5           (4) The terms of the five (5) at-large members shall be staggered so that two (2)  
6           appointments shall expire at two (2) years, one (1) appointment shall expire at three  
7           (3) years, and two (2) appointments shall expire at four (4) years, from the dates of  
8           initial appointment.

9           (5) (a) The commission shall establish an executive committee consisting of the  
10           secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, the adjutant general of  
11           the Commonwealth, the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs,  
12           the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, and  
13           the five (5) at-large members. The chair and vice chair of the Kentucky  
14           Commission on Military Affairs shall be appointed by the Governor from  
15           among the members of the executive committee.

16           (b) The chair and vice chair of the commission shall also serve as chair and vice  
17           chair of the executive committee.

18           (c) The executive committee shall serve as the search committee for an executive  
19           director of the commission and shall have any other authority the commission  
20           delegates to it.

21           (6) The commission shall meet one (1) time each year, and may meet at other times on  
22           call of the chair, to establish the commission's goals and to review issues identified  
23           and recommendations made by the executive committee. A majority of the  
24           members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the commission's business.  
25           Members' designees shall have voting privileges at commission meetings.

26           (7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
27           reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the discharge of

1           their duties on the commission, subject to Finance and Administration Cabinet  
2           administrative regulations.

3       (8) The commission may establish committees or work groups composed of  
4       commission members and citizens as necessary to advise the commission in  
5       carrying out its responsibilities, duties, and powers. Citizen members of committees  
6       or work groups shall not have a vote.

7       (9) The commission may promulgate necessary administrative regulations as prescribed  
8       by KRS Chapter 13A.

9       (10) The commission may adopt bylaws and operating policies necessary for its efficient  
10       and effective operation.

11       (11) There shall be an executive director, who shall be the administrative head and chief  
12       executive officer of the commission, recommended by the executive committee,  
13       approved by the commission, and appointed by the Governor. The executive  
14       director shall have authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend funds, and  
15       operate the normal business activities of the commission.

16       (12) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs and its executive committee shall be  
17       an independent agency attached to the Office of the Governor.