

1 AN ACT establishing the Kentucky Eating Disorder Council.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Eating Disorder Council is hereby established in the Cabinet for*  
6 *Health and Family Services and shall be attached to the cabinet for*  
7 *administrative purposes.*

8 *(2) The following members shall be appointed to the council:*

9 *(a) The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or his or her*  
10 *designee;*

11 *(b) The commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services or his or her*  
12 *designee;*

13 *(c) The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental*  
14 *and Intellectual Disabilities or his or her designee;*

15 *(d) The commissioner of the Department for Public Health or his or her*  
16 *designee;*

17 *(e) The commissioner of the Department of Education or his or her designee;*

18 *(f) One (1) medical professional to be appointed by the Governor from a list of*  
19 *three (3) individuals submitted by the Kentucky Hospital Association;*

20 *(g) Three (3) eating disorder researchers to be appointed by the Governor from*  
21 *a list of five (5) individuals provided by the Kentucky Psychological*  
22 *Association;*

23 *(h) Three (3) public health policy researchers to be appointed by the Governor*  
24 *from a list of five (5) individuals provided by the Kentucky Psychological*  
25 *Association;*

26 *(i) Three (3) clinicians who work with individuals who have eating disorders to*  
27 *be appointed by the Governor from a list of five (5) individuals provided by*

- 1           *the Kentucky Psychological Association;*
- 2           *(j) Three (3) representatives of patient advocacy groups for individuals who*
- 3           *have eating disorders to be appointed by the Governor from a list of five (5)*
- 4           *individuals provided by the Louisville Center for Eating Disorders; and*
- 5           *(k) Three (3) representatives from the general public who have experience with*
- 6           *individuals who have eating disorders to be appointed by the Governor from*
- 7           *a list of five (5) individuals provided by the Louisville Center for Eating*
- 8           *Disorders.*
- 9           *(3) The members of the council shall elect a chair and vice chair to serve one (1)*
- 10           *year.*
- 11           *(4) The council shall meet at least quarterly or upon the call of the chair.*
- 12           *(5) (a) Members of the council shall be eligible to succeed themselves and shall*
- 13           *serve until their successors are appointed. Except as provided in paragraph*
- 14           *(b) of this subsection, members shall serve terms of two (2) years, beginning*
- 15           *the day of appointment.*
- 16           *(b) Of each three (3) members initially appointed under subsection (2)(g), (h),*
- 17           *(i), (j), and (k) of this section, one (1) member shall serve a term of three*
- 18           *(3) years, beginning on the day of appointment. After these members have*
- 19           *completed their initial terms, subsequent terms shall be for two (2) years.*
- 20           *(6) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for*
- 21           *reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with state travel expenses and*
- 22           *reimbursement administrative regulations.*
- 23           *(7) The council shall:*
- 24           *(a) Oversee the development and implementation of eating disorder awareness,*
- 25           *education, and prevention programs;*
- 26           *(b) Identify strategies for improving access to adequate diagnosis and treatment*
- 27           *services;*

- 1        (c) Assist the cabinet in identifying eating disorder research projects;
- 2        (d) Work with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and other
- 3                appropriate entities to routinely examine existing surveillance systems, data
- 4                collection systems, and administrative databases to determine the best
- 5                strategies for implementing evidence-based eating disorder measures that
- 6                provide data for program and policy planning purposes;
- 7        (e) As reasonably as possible, collaborate and coordinate on data research
- 8                projects with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and other
- 9                appropriate entities; and
- 10        (f) Make recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory changes as
- 11                appropriate.
- 12        (8) The council shall apply for grants from the federal government, private
- 13                foundations, or other sources that may be available for programs related to
- 14                eating disorders.
- 15        (9) The council shall report annually beginning December 1, 2020, on its activities,
- 16                findings, and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Research
- 17                Commission.
- 18        (10) The Kentucky Eating Disorder Council shall cease to exist on December 1, 2030,
- 19                unless otherwise reestablished by the General Assembly.