

1 AN ACT relating to the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities is hereby created and*
6 *shall be attached to the Office of Drug Control Policy within the Justice and*
7 *Public Safety Cabinet for administrative purposes.*

8 *(2) The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities shall consist of the*
9 *following members appointed by the Governor:*

10 *(a) One (1) representative from the Kentucky League of Cities;*

11 *(b) One (1) representative from the Kentucky Association of Counties;*

12 *(c) One (1) representative from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;*

13 *(d) One (1) representative from the Recovery Consortium of Kentucky;*

14 *(e) One (1) representative from the Kentucky School Boards Association;*

15 *(f) One (1) representative that represents the leadership of active law*
16 *enforcement officers in Kentucky;*

17 *(g) One (1) representative that is a practicing physician with an active license*
18 *in Kentucky representing the medical profession;*

19 *(h) Two (2) representatives from the Administrative Office of the Courts, one*
20 *(1) of whom shall have experience in the prosecution of drug-related*
21 *offenses and one (1) of whom shall be a judge or retired judge with*
22 *experience in presiding over cases involving drug-related offenses;*

23 *(i) One (1) representative from a family advocate organization who shall have*
24 *experience in substance use recovery disorders; and*

25 *(j) One (1) representative from a faith community organization who shall have*
26 *experience in substance use recovery disorders.*

27 *The Governor shall designate a chairperson.*

- 1 (3) Appointed members of the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities
2 shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses
3 incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with KRS 45.101 and
4 administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 5 (4) The Governor shall appoint advisory council members who reflect, inasmuch as
6 possible, the political, geographic, gender, age, and racial diversity of the
7 population of the Commonwealth.
- 8 (5) The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities shall:
- 9 (a) Establish a Kentucky Recovery Ready Community Certification Program
10 for cities and counties. The purpose of the certification program is to
11 provide a quality measure of a city's or county's substance use disorder
12 recovery programs and to assure citizens and businesses that a city or
13 county is committed to ensuring the availability of high quality recovery
14 programs in its community that can help lead to a highly skilled community
15 workforce;
- 16 (b) Establish guidelines, protocols, standards, and an application and approval
17 process for cities and counties related to the Kentucky Recovery Ready
18 Community Certification Program;
- 19 (c) Ensure that the certification process evaluates a city's or county's
20 availability of high quality substance use treatment programs in their
21 communities for persons in active, post, and recovered addiction status;
- 22 (d) Request and utilize federal, state, and private funds, including funds from
23 philanthropic sources;
- 24 (e) Improve procedures for ensuring accountability and measuring success of
25 recovery programs that receive state, federal, and philanthropic funds; and
- 26 (f) Other duties and responsibilities as designated by the Governor.
- 27 (6) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet may contract with any public or private

1 agency or any individual for research, the gathering of information, the printing
2 and publication of reports, consulting, or for any other purpose necessary to
3 discharge the duties of the advisory council.
4 (7) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, in collaboration with the Advisory
5 Council for Recovery Ready Communities created under subsection (1) of this
6 section, may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter
7 13A to carry out this section.