

1 AN ACT relating to the Commonwealth Education Continuum.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Commonwealth Education Continuum is hereby created to encourage and*  
6 *support collaboration, information sharing, and a shared vision for increasing*  
7 *educational opportunity and achievement at all levels, prekindergarten through*  
8 *postsecondary education.*

9 *(2) The continuum shall study and make recommendations to ensure a more*  
10 *integrated, seamless P-20 education system that enables children to enter school*  
11 *ready to learn, receive challenging instruction throughout their school careers,*  
12 *graduate from high school ready for college or work, and complete postsecondary*  
13 *programs prepared for productive and successful lives.*

14 *(3) The continuum shall consist of twenty-six (26) members. The continuum shall be*  
15 *composed of the following members:*

16 *(a) The president or designee of the Council on Postsecondary Education, who*  
17 *shall be co-chair;*

18 *(b) The commissioner or designee of the Department of Education, who shall*  
19 *be co-chair;*

20 *(c) The President of the Senate or designee;*

21 *(d) The Speaker of the House or designee;*

22 *(e) The president or designee of the Association of Independent Kentucky*  
23 *Colleges and Universities;*

24 *(f) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Higher Education*  
25 *Assistance Authority;*

26 *(g) The executive director or designee of the Governor's Office of Early*  
27 *Childhood;*

- 1        (h) The president or designee of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;
- 2        (i) The executive director or designee of Kentucky Skills U;
- 3        (j) The associate commissioner or designee of the Department of Education  
4                Office of Career and Technical Education;
- 5        (k) The president or designee of the Kentucky Community and Technical  
6                College System;
- 7        (l) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Center for Statistics;
- 8        (m) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Commission on Military  
9                Affairs;
- 10       (n) The associate commissioner or designee of the Department of Education  
11               Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness;
- 12       (o) A representative of public four (4) year institutions of higher education  
13               which shall be appointed by the Advisory Conference of Presidents;
- 14       (p) A representative of the Council on Postsecondary Education which shall be  
15               appointed by the council chair;
- 16       (q) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list  
17               of three (3) names submitted by the Board of Student Body Presidents  
18               representing enrolled postsecondary students;
- 19       (r) A representative of the Kentucky Board of Education to be appointed by the  
20               board chair;
- 21       (s) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list  
22               of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky School Counselor  
23               Association;
- 24       (t) A representative of kindergarten through twelfth grade students which shall  
25               be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted  
26               by the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council;
- 27       (u) A representative of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board to be

- 1           appointed by the board chair;
- 2           (v) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list
- 3           of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Parent Teacher Association;
- 4           (w) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list
- 5           of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky School Boards Association;
- 6           (x) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list
- 7           of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of School
- 8           Administrators;
- 9           (y) A representative which shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list
- 10           of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of School
- 11           Superintendents; and
- 12           (z) A representative of educator preparation programs which shall be
- 13           appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted by
- 14           the Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
- 15           (4) A majority of the full membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 16           (5) Each member of the continuum, other than members who serve by virtue of their
- 17           positions, shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until a successor is appointed
- 18           and qualified, except for the initial appointments which shall be:
- 19           (a) For a term of one (1) year for members appointed under subsection (3)(o) to
- 20           (r) of this section;
- 21           (b) For a term of two (2) years for members appointed under subsection (3)(s)
- 22           to (v) of this section; and
- 23           (c) For a term of three (3) years for members appointed under subsection
- 24           (3)(w) to (z) of this section.
- 25           (6) If a vacancy occurs within the continuum during its duration, the vacancy shall
- 26           be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as described in
- 27           subsection (3) of this section.

- 1 (7) The continuum shall be attached to the Council on Postsecondary Education for  
2 administrative purposes. With advice from the continuum co-chairs, the president  
3 of the council may contract with state or national education professionals to  
4 provide support to the continuum. The council shall provide office space and  
5 other resources necessary to support the staff and work of the continuum.
- 6 (8) The continuum, under the leadership of the co-chairs, may organize itself into  
7 appropriate workgroups or subcommittees to accomplish its purpose.
- 8 (9) Members of the continuum shall serve without compensation but, contingent  
9 upon funding, shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and expenses while  
10 attending meetings at the same per diem rate promulgated in administrative  
11 regulation for state employees under the provisions of KRS Chapter 45.
- 12 (10) The continuum shall submit to the Interim Joint Committee on Education:  
13 (a) A midterm progress report no later than July 30 of each year;  
14 (b) A legislative and budgetary recommendation report no later than October  
15 30 of each year; and  
16 (c) An annual report no later than January 30 of each year.
- 17 (11) The continuum shall have ongoing responsibility for providing recommendations  
18 to member organizations and policymakers in the development of suggested  
19 statewide policies and in the identification and allocation of resources to improve  
20 statewide education outcomes.