

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 of Kentucky's education*  
8 *system, prekindergarten through postsecondary education, to increase students'*  
9 *access to degrees and credentials that lead to sustainable, competitive-wage*  
10 *careers.*

11 *(2) The continuum shall serve as a statewide coordinating body to study and make*  
12 *recommendations concerning education at all levels to avoid fragmentation of*  
13 *policies, promote improved teaching, and ensure a more integrated, seamless*  
14 *education system that enables children to enter school ready to learn, receive*  
15 *challenging instruction throughout their school careers, graduate from high*  
16 *school ready for college or work, and continue their education in a way that*  
17 *makes them productive and successful citizens.*

18 *(3) The continuum shall consist of twenty-nine (29) members. The continuum shall*  
19 *be composed of the following members:*

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

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

24 *(c) The secretary or designee of the Education and Labor Cabinet, who shall be*  
25 *co-chair;*

26 *(d) The President of the Senate or designee;*

27 *(e) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee;*

- 1        (f) The president or designee of the Association of Independent Kentucky  
2            Colleges and Universities;
- 3        (g) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Higher Education  
4            Assistance Authority;
- 5        (h) The executive director or designee of the Governor's Office of Early  
6            Childhood;
- 7        (i) The president or designee of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;
- 8        (j) The executive director or designee of Kentucky Skills U;
- 9        (k) The associate commissioner or designee of the Department of Education  
10           Office of Career and Technical Education;
- 11       (l) The president or designee of the Kentucky Community and Technical  
12           College System;
- 13       (m) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Center for Statistics;
- 14       (n) The executive director or designee of the Kentucky Commission on Military  
15           Affairs;
- 16       (o) The associate commissioner or designee of the Department of Education  
17           Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness;
- 18       (p) A representative of public four (4) year institutions of higher education who  
19           shall be appointed by the Advisory Conference of Presidents established in  
20           KRS 164.021;
- 21       (q) A representative of the Council on Postsecondary Education which shall be  
22           appointed by the council chair;
- 23       (r) A representative who shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of  
24           three (3) names submitted by the Board of Student Body Presidents  
25           established in KRS 164.0211 representing enrolled postsecondary students;
- 26       (s) A representative of the Kentucky Board of Education who shall be  
27           appointed by the board chair;

- 1        (t) A representative who shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of  
2                    three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky School Counselor Association;
- 3        (u) A representative of kindergarten through twelfth grade students who shall  
4                    be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted  
5                    by the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council;
- 6        (v) A representative of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board who shall be  
7                    appointed by the board chair;
- 8        (w) A representative of kindergarten through twelfth grade parents who shall be  
9                    appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted by  
10                   the Kentucky Parent Teacher Association;
- 11       (x) A representative who shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of  
12                   three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky School Boards Association;
- 13       (y) A representative who shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of  
14                   three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of School  
15                   Administrators;
- 16       (z) A representative who shall be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of  
17                   three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of School  
18                   Superintendents;
- 19       (aa) A representative of educator preparation programs who shall be appointed  
20                   by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted by the  
21                   Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education;
- 22       (ab) A representative of kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers who shall  
23                   be appointed by the Governor from one (1) list of three (3) names submitted  
24                   by the Kentucky Education Association; and
- 25       (ac) A representative of public four (4) year institutions of higher education  
26                   advisors who shall be appointed by the Advisory Conference of Presidents  
27                   established in KRS 164.021.

- 1 (4) A majority of the full membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 2 (5) Each member of the continuum, other than members who serve by virtue of their  
3 positions, shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until a successor is appointed  
4 and qualified, except for the initial appointments which shall be:
- 5 (a) For a term of one (1) year for members appointed under subsection (3)(p) to  
6 (s) of this section;
- 7 (b) For a term of two (2) years for members appointed under subsection (3)(t)  
8 to (x) of this section; and
- 9 (c) For a term of three (3) years for members appointed under subsection (3)(y)  
10 to (ac) of this section.
- 11 (6) If a vacancy occurs within the continuum during its duration, the vacancy shall  
12 be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as described in  
13 subsection (3) of this section.
- 14 (7) The continuum shall be attached to the Council on Postsecondary Education for  
15 administrative purposes. With advice from the continuum co-chairs, the president  
16 of the council may contract with state or national education professionals to  
17 provide support to the continuum. The council shall provide office space and  
18 other resources necessary to support the staff and work of the continuum.
- 19 (8) The continuum, under the leadership of the co-chairs, may organize itself into  
20 appropriate workgroups or subcommittees to accomplish its purpose and may  
21 include but is not limited to topics that focus on:
- 22 (a) Evidence-based instruction of foundational skills in mathematics, reading,  
23 and writing;
- 24 (b) Academic readiness and assessments;
- 25 (c) Career advising, education, exploration, and experience;
- 26 (d) Early postsecondary opportunities; and
- 27 (e) Teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

- 1 (9) Members of the continuum shall serve without compensation but, contingent  
2 upon funding, shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and expenses while  
3 attending meetings at the same per diem rate promulgated in administrative  
4 regulation for state employees under the provisions of KRS Chapter 45.
- 5 (10) The continuum shall submit to the Interim Joint Committee on Education:  
6 (a) Legislative and budgetary recommendations no later than October 30 of  
7 each year; and  
8 (b) An annual report no later than June 1 of each year.
- 9 (11) The continuum shall have ongoing responsibility for providing advice and  
10 guidance to policymakers in the development of statewide policies and in the  
11 identification and allocation of resources to improve statewide education  
12 outcomes.