

1 AN ACT relating to mental health programs.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 210.450 is amended to read as follows:

4 In addition to the powers and duties already conferred upon him *or her* by the law, the
5 secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall:

- 6 (1) Promulgate policies and regulations governing eligibility of community programs
7 for mental health or individuals with an intellectual disability to receive state grants
8 and other fund allocations from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services,
9 prescribing standards for qualification of personnel and quality of professional
10 service and for in-service training and educational leave programs for personnel,
11 governing eligibility for service so that no person will be denied service on the basis
12 of race, color or creed, or inability to pay, providing for establishment of fee
13 schedules which shall be based upon ability to pay, regulating fees for diagnostic
14 services, which services may be provided for anyone without regard to his *or her*
15 financial status, when referred by the courts, schools, or health and welfare agencies
16 whether public or private, governing financial record keeping, prescribing standards
17 for personnel management operations, providing for financial and program
18 reporting requirements, and such other policies and regulations as he *or she* deems
19 necessary to carry out the purposes of KRS 210.370 to 210.460;
- 20 (2) Review and evaluate local programs and the performance of administrative and
21 psychiatric personnel and make recommendations thereon to community boards for
22 mental health or individuals with an intellectual disability and program
23 administrators;
- 24 (3) Provide consultative service, by professionals qualified in the areas of mental health
25 and intellectual disabilities by education and training, to communities to assist in
26 ascertaining local needs and in planning and establishing community programs for
27 mental health or individuals with an intellectual disability;

- 1 (4) Employ necessary and qualified personnel to implement KRS 210.370 to 210.460;
- 2 and
- 3 (5) Review annually the personnel policies, procedures, and personnel compensation
- 4 plans of community boards for mental health or individuals with an intellectual
- 5 disability and disapprove if not consistent with accepted standards of personnel and
- 6 salary administration prescribed by the cabinet.