

1 AN ACT relating to public employees.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section:*

6 *(a) "Public agency" means every:*

7 *1. State office, department, officer, bureau, board, commission, and*
8 *authority;*

9 *2. Legislative board, commission, committee, and officer; or*

10 *3. County and city governing body, council, school district board, special*
11 *district board, municipal corporation, or any board, department,*
12 *committee, subcommittee, ad hoc committee, council, or agency*
13 *thereof; and*

14 *(b) "Telework" or "telecommuting" means to use the Internet, e-mail, or*
15 *telephone to perform work duties at a location other than an assigned*
16 *primary work station.*

17 *(2) (a) Except when the Governor declares an emergency, a public agency shall*
18 *not permit any of its employees to telework.*

19 *(b) When the Governor declares an emergency, and he or she decides that*
20 *employees should be allowed to telework during the emergency, he or she*
21 *shall specifically state that teleworking is allowed and which employees*
22 *shall be permitted to telework.*

23 *(3) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall not permit any of its employees to*
24 *telework.*

25 *(4) This section shall not apply to:*

26 *(a) Justices of the Supreme Court;*

27 *(b) District or Circuit Judges;*

1 (c) Department of Kentucky State Police;

2 (d) Any employee of state government involved in the following professions:

3 1. Motor vehicle enforcement;

4 2. Plumbing inspector;

5 3. Health inspector; and

6 4. Building inspector; or

7 (e) Any employee of state government whose job responsibilities require them

8 to be away from their primary work station at least fifty percent (50%) of the

9 time.