

1 AN ACT relating to professional development.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Department of Education may enter into an agreement with a*
6 *building and construction trade organization to develop a training program for*
7 *school counselors providing services to students in the Commonwealth. The*
8 *purpose of the training program shall be to promote building and construction*
9 *trades and training facilities available to students by making school counselors*
10 *aware of what is available to students participating in the building and*
11 *construction trade. The training program shall include information relating to:*

12 *(a) The pay and benefits available to people who work in the building and*
13 *construction trades; and*

14 *(b) Job opportunities and available apprenticeships for boilermakers, electrical*
15 *workers, bricklayers, insulators, laborers, iron workers, plumbers and*
16 *pipefitters, roofers, plasterers and cement masons, sheet metal workers,*
17 *painters and glazers, elevator constructors, operating engineers, and*
18 *teamsters.*

19 *(2) The participating trade organization shall ensure ample opportunities for school*
20 *counselors that serve grades seven (7) through twelve (12) to complete the*
21 *training created under subsection (1) of this section annually and shall bear all*
22 *costs associated with the training. The participating trade organization may*
23 *choose to offer professional development opportunities to teachers who serve*
24 *students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12), if resources are available for*
25 *this purpose.*

26 *(3) The department shall include the training program created in this section on the*
27 *electronic consumer bulletin board created pursuant to KRS 156.095(9) if*

- 1 requested by the training program.
- 2 (4) A school counselor serving students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) may
3 complete four (4) hours of training developed under this section which shall
4 count towards the twenty-one (21) hours required annually pursuant to KRS
5 156.101(4)(b)2.
- 6 (5) Local boards of education or school-based decision making councils may
7 incorporate this training as part of the four (4) days of professional development
8 required pursuant to KRS 158.070(3)(a) for teachers who serve students in grades
9 seven (7) through twelve (12) if offered by the participating trade organization.