

1 AN ACT relating to economic development.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.12-223 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is created within the Cabinet for Economic Development the Department for
5 Business and Community Development, which shall be headed by a commissioner
6 appointed by the Governor. The department shall work with each Kentucky county
7 and community in:
- 8 (a) Providing customer service and project management with new and existing
9 industries;
 - 10 (b) Overseeing programs and initiatives designed to support new investment, job
11 creation, and retention across the state;
 - 12 (c) Providing sufficient technical resources to create and maintain a database to
13 facilitate sales transactions between Kentucky businesses;
 - 14 (d) Administering activities related to business site selection; and
 - 15 (e) Collaborating with community partners and other agencies on workforce and
16 economic development opportunities.
- 17 (2) The department shall include the following divisions, each of which shall be headed
18 by a director appointed by the secretary pursuant to KRS 12.050:
- 19 (a) The Development and Retention Division – West Kentucky;
 - 20 (b) The Development, Retention, and Administrative Division – Central and East
21 Kentucky; and
 - 22 (c) The Community and Workforce Development Division.
- 23 **(3) *The department shall establish the following positions, each of which shall be***
24 ***tasked with industry recruitment and job creation in order to promote***
25 ***development in areas affected by the declining coal industry:***
- 26 **(a) *The Western Coal Field project manager; and***
 - 27 **(b) *The Eastern Coal Field project manager.***