

1 AN ACT relating to economic development.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.12-205 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is hereby created an independent, de jure corporation of the Commonwealth  
5 with all the general corporate powers incidental thereto which shall be known as the  
6 "Bluegrass State Skills Corporation." The corporation shall be a political  
7 subdivision of the state and shall be attached to the Cabinet for Economic  
8 Development.
- 9 (2) The corporation is created and established to improve and promote the employment  
10 opportunities of the citizens of the Commonwealth by creating and expanding  
11 programs of skills training and education which meet the needs of qualified  
12 companies.
- 13 (3) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seventeen  
14 (17) members, including the following five (5) ex officio members: the  
15 commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development or his or her designee,  
16 the secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, the secretary of the  
17 Education and Labor Cabinet, the president of the Council on Postsecondary  
18 Education, and the president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College  
19 System. The twelve (12) other members shall be appointed by the Governor,  
20 including persons having knowledge and experience in business and industry, skills  
21 training, education, and minority employment; and at least one (1) of the twelve  
22 (12) members shall be appointed to represent labor organizations. Each member  
23 appointed by the Governor shall serve for a term of four (4) years, except that in  
24 making the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint three (3) members to  
25 serve for one (1) year, three (3) members to serve for two (2) years, three (3)  
26 members to serve for three (3) years, and three (3) members to serve for four (4)  
27 years. All succeeding appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years.

- 1 (4) In the event of a vacancy, the Governor may appoint a replacement member who  
2 shall hold office during the remainder of the term so vacated.
- 3 (5) Any member may be removed from his or her appointment by the Governor for  
4 cause.
- 5 (6) The Governor shall designate a member of the board as its chairman.
- 6 (7) Members of the board of directors of the corporation, except for ex officio  
7 members, shall be entitled to compensation for their services in the amount of one  
8 hundred dollars (\$100) for each regular or special called meeting of the corporation,  
9 and all members shall be entitled to reimbursement for any actual and necessary  
10 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 11 (8) The board of directors of the corporation shall annually elect a vice chairman, a  
12 secretary, and a treasurer. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of  
13 the corporation and shall be custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed  
14 with the corporation, and its official seal.
- 15 (9) The Cabinet for Economic Development shall provide staff and support services to  
16 the corporation and shall direct and supervise its administrative affairs and general  
17 management subject to the policies, control, and direction of the board.
- 18 (10) All officers and employees of the corporation having access to its funding shall give  
19 bond to the corporation, at its expense, in the amount and with the surety as the  
20 board may prescribe.