- 1 AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
- 2 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
- 3 → Section 1. KRS 164.001 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 5 (1) "Administrator" means the chief executive officer of the institution;
- 6 (2) "Adult basic education" means instruction in mathematics, science, social studies,
- 7 reading, language arts, and related areas to enable individuals to better function in
- 8 society;
- 9 (3) "Benchmarks" means objective measures developed where applicable or practical
- by the Council on Postsecondary Education to judge the performance of the
- postsecondary education system and progress toward the goals as stated in KRS
- 12 164.003(2);
- 13 (4) "Board" or "governing board" means the board of trustees for the University of
- 14 Kentucky or the University of Louisville, the board of regents for a comprehensive
- university, or the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical
- 16 College System;
- 17 (5) "Board of regents" means the governing board of each comprehensive university
- and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- 19 (6) ["Committee" means the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education created
- 20 in KRS 164.004;
- 21 (7) Comprehensive university" means the following public institutions: Eastern
- 22 Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University,
- 23 Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky
- 24 University;
- 25 (7)[(8)] "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education created in KRS
- 26 164.011;
- 27 (8)[(9)] "Customized training" means training in specific academic areas, work

| 1 | processes, or technical skills that are designed to serve a specific industry or |
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| 2 | industries to upgrade worker skills; |
| 3 | (9)[(10)] "Goals" means the six (6) goals specified in KRS 164.003(2); |
| 4 | (10)[(11)] "Independent institution" means a nonpublic postsecondary education |
| 5 | institution in Kentucky whose instruction is not solely sectarian in nature, is |
| 6 | accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the United States |
| 7 | Department of Education, and is licensed by the Council on Postsecondary |
| 8 | Education; |
| 9 | (11)[(12)] "Institution" means a university, college, community college, health |
| 10 | technology center, vocational-technical school, technical institute, technical college, |
| 11 | technology center, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; |
| 12 | (12)[(13)] "Kentucky Community and Technical College System" means the system |
| 13 | composed of public community and technical colleges, including those |
| 14 | postsecondary institutions operated by the former Cabinet for Workforce |
| 15 | Development and those community colleges in the University of Kentucky |
| 16 | Community College System on May 30, 1997. |
| 17 | The system also includes institutions created by the board of regents for the |
| 18 | Kentucky Community and Technical College System and approved by the General |
| 19 | Assembly; |
| 20 | (13)[(14)] "Literacy" means an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English |
| 21 | and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on |
| 22 | the job and in society to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and |
| 23 | potential; |
| 24 | (14)[(15)] "Lower division academic course" means any academic course offered for |
| 25 | college or university credit that is designated as a freshman or sophomore level |
| 26 | academic course; |
| 27 | (15)[(16)] "Nonteaching personnel" means any employee who is a full-time staff |

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| 1 | member, excluding a president, chancellor, vice president, academic dean, |
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| 2 | academic department chair, or administrator; |
| 3 | (16) [(17)] "Postsecondary education system" means the following public institutions: |
| 4 | University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, |
| 5 | Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, |
| 6 | Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and the Kentucky |
| 7 | Community and Technical College System; |
| 8 | (17)[(18) "P-16 council" or "council of partners" means a local or state council that is |
| 9 | composed of educators from public and private preschools, elementary, secondary, |
| 10 | and postsecondary education institutions, local board of education members, and |
| 11 | may include community and business representatives that have voluntarily |
| 12 | organized themselves for the purpose of improving the alignment and quality of the |
| 13 | education continuum from preschool through postsecondary education as well as |
| 14 | student achievement at all levels; |
| 15 | (19)] "Public" means operated with state support; |
| 16 | (18)[(20)] "Relative" means a person's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, |
| 17 | daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law; |
| 18 | (19)[(21)] "Remedial education" means any program, course, or activity that is designed |
| 19 | specifically for students who have basic deficiencies in reading, written or oral |
| 20 | communication, mathematics, study skills, or other skills necessary to do beginning |
| 21 | postsecondary work as defined by the institution; |
| 22 | (20)[(22)] "Standardized degree program" means a program, approved by the Council on |
| 23 | Postsecondary Education, that consists of specific competencies, curriculum, and |
| 24 | performance requirements regardless of the providing institution; |
| 25 | (21)[(23)] "Strategic agenda" means the state strategic postsecondary education agenda |
| 26 | described in KRS 164.0203; |
| 27 | (22) [(24)] "Technical institution" means an educational institution that offers |

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| certificates, diplomas, or technical degrees in technical or occupational-related |
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| programs, including a facility called a vocational-technical school, technical |
| institute, health technology center, technology center, technical college, or similar |
| designation; and |

- 5 (23)[(25)] "Learning outcomes" means the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students
 6 have attained as a result of their involvement in a particular set of educational
 7 experiences.
 - → Section 2. KRS 164.013 is amended to read as follows:

- 9 (1) The Council on Postsecondary Education shall set the qualifications for the position
 10 of president of the council. [Except for the first president appointed under
 11 subsection (2) of this section,]The council may employ a search firm and conduct a
 12 nationwide search for candidates. Any search firm employed by the council shall
 13 consider, interview, and propose three (3) or more candidates for the position of
 14 president. The council may seek additional names from the search firm or from
 15 other sources.
 - (2) [In the selection of candidates for the first president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education shall serve as a search committee, employing a search firm for assistance. The committee shall recommend three (3) candidates to be considered by the council and shall repeat this process until it finds a satisfactory person to appoint as the first president of the council.
 - (3) The president shall possess an excellent academic and administrative background, have strong communication skills, have significant experience and an established reputation as a professional in the field of postsecondary education, and shall not express, demonstrate, or appear to have an institutional or regional bias in his or her actions.
- $\underline{(3)}[(4)]$ The president shall be the primary advocate for postsecondary education and

| advisor to the Governor and the General Assembly on matters of postsecondary |
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| education in Kentucky. As the primary advocate for postsecondary education, the |
| president shall work closely with the committee and the elected leadership of the |
| Commonwealth to ensure that they are fully informed about postsecondary |
| education issues and that the council fully understands the goals for postsecondary |
| education that the General Assembly has established in KRS 164.003(2). |

- 7 (4)(5) The president may design and develop for review by the council new statewide initiatives in accordance with the strategic agenda.
- 9 (5)[(6)] (a) The council shall set the salary of the president at an amount no greater than the salary the president was receiving on January 1, 2012.
- 11 (b) The salary of the president shall be exempt from state employee salary limitations as set forth in KRS 64.640.
- 13 (6)[(7)] The president shall be accorded a contract to serve for a term not to exceed 14 five (5) years, which is renewable at the pleasure of the council.
 - (7){(8)} The president shall determine the staffing positions and organizational structure necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the council and may employ staff. All personnel positions of the Council on Higher Education, as of May 30, 1997, with the exception of the position of executive director, shall be transferred to the Council on Postsecondary Education. All personnel shall be transferred at the same salary and benefit levels. Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 11A.040, any person employed by the Council on Higher Education prior to May 30, 1997, may accept immediate employment with any governmental entity or any postsecondary education organization or institution in the Commonwealth and may carry out the employment duties assigned by that entity, organization, or institution.
 - (8)[(9)] The president shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the council and shall report and submit annual reports on the strategic implementation plan of the strategic agenda, carry out policy and program directives of the council, prepare

| 1 | and submit to the council for its approval the proposed budget of the council, and | |
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| 2 | perform all other duties and responsibilities assigned by state law. | |

- With approval of the council, the president may enter into agreements with any state agency or political subdivision of the state, any state postsecondary education institution, or any other person or entity to enlist staff assistance to implement the duties and responsibilities under KRS 164.020.
- 7 (10)[(11)] The president shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses 8 incurred in the performance of all assigned duties and responsibilities.
- 9 → Section 3. KRS 164.020 is amended to read as follows:
- 10 The Council on Postsecondary Education in Kentucky shall:
- 11 (1) Develop and implement the strategic agenda with the advice and counsel of the
 12 Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education. The council shall provide for
 13 and direct the planning process and subsequent strategic implementation plans
 14 based on the strategic agenda as provided in KRS 164.0203;
- 15 (2) Revise the strategic agenda and strategic implementation plan with the advice and counsel of the committee as set forth in KRS 164.004;
- Oevelop a system of public accountability related to the strategic agenda by evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the state's postsecondary system.

 The council shall prepare a report in conjunction with the accountability reporting described in KRS 164.095, which shall be submitted to [the committee,]the Governor[,] and the General Assembly by December 1 annually. This report shall include a description of contributions by postsecondary institutions to the quality of
- 23 elementary and secondary education in the Commonwealth;
- 24 (4) Review, revise, and approve the missions of the state's universities and the
 25 Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The Council on
 26 Postsecondary Education shall have the final authority to determine the compliance
 27 of postsecondary institutions with their academic, service, and research missions;

- Establish and ensure that all postsecondary institutions in Kentucky cooperatively provide for an integrated system of postsecondary education. The council shall guard against inappropriate and unnecessary conflict and duplication by promoting transferability of credits and easy access of information among institutions;
- 5 (6) Engage in analyses and research to determine the overall needs of postsecondary education and adult education in the Commonwealth;

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- (7) Develop plans that may be required by federal legislation. The council shall for all purposes of federal legislation relating to planning be considered the "single state agency" as that term may be used in federal legislation. When federal legislation requires additional representation on any "single state agency," the Council on Postsecondary Education shall establish advisory groups necessary to satisfy federal legislative or regulatory guidelines;
 - Determine tuition and approve the minimum qualifications for admission to (8) (a) the state postsecondary educational system. In defining residency, the council shall classify a student as having Kentucky residency if the student met the residency requirements at the beginning of his or her last year in high school and enters a Kentucky postsecondary education institution within two (2) years of high school graduation. In determining the tuition for non-Kentucky residents, the council shall consider the fees required of Kentucky students by institutions in adjoining states, the resident fees charged by other states, the total actual per student cost of training in the institutions for which the fees are being determined, and the ratios of Kentucky students to non-Kentucky students comprising the enrollments of the respective institutions, and other factors the council may in its sole discretion deem pertinent, except that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System may assess a mandatory student fee not to exceed eight dollars (\$8) per credit hour to be used exclusively for debt service on amounts not to exceed seventy-five percent

| 1 | | | (75%) of the total projects cost of the Kentucky Community and Technical |
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| 2 | | | College System agency bond projects included in 2014 Ky. Acts ch. 117, Part |
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| 4 | | (b) | The Kentucky Community and Technical College System mandatory fee |
| 5 | | | established in this subsection shall only be used for debt service on agency |
| 6 | | | bond projects. |
| 7 | | (c) | Any fee established as provided by this subsection shall cease to be assessed |
| 8 | | | upon the retirement of the project bonds for which it services debt. |
| 9 | | (d) | Prior to the issuance of any bonds, the Kentucky Community and Technical |
| 10 | | | College System shall certify in writing to the secretary of the Finance and |
| 11 | | | Administration Cabinet that sufficient funds have been raised to meet the |
| 12 | | | local match equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost; |
| 13 | (9) | Devi | ise, establish, and periodically review and revise policies to be used in making |
| 14 | | reco | mmendations to the Governor for consideration in developing |
| 15 | | reco | mmendations to the General Assembly for appropriations to the universities, |
| 16 | | the I | Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and to support strategies |
| 17 | | for p | persons to maintain necessary levels of literacy throughout their lifetimes. The |
| 18 | | coun | icil has sole discretion, with advice of the [Strategic Committee on |
| 19 | | Post | secondary Education and the Jexecutive officers of the postsecondary education |
| 20 | | syste | em, to devise policies that provide for allocation of funds among the |
| 21 | | univ | ersities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; |
| 22 | (10) | Lead | I and provide staff support for the biennial budget process as provided under |
| 23 | | KRS | Chapter 48[, in cooperation with the committee]; |
| 24 | (11) | (a) | Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, review and approve all |
| 25 | | | capital construction projects covered by KRS 45.750(1)(f), including real |
| 26 | | | property acquisitions, and regardless of the source of funding for projects or |
| 27 | | | acquisitions. Approval of capital projects and real property acquisitions shall |

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| 1 | be on a basis consistent with the strategic agenda and the mission of the |
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| 2 | respective universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College |
| 3 | System. |

- (b) The organized groups that are establishing community college satellites as branches of existing community colleges in the counties of Laurel, Leslie, and Muhlenberg, and that have substantially obtained cash, pledges, real property, or other commitments to build the satellite at no cost to the Commonwealth, other than operating costs that shall be paid as part of the operating budget of the main community college of which the satellite is a branch, are authorized to begin construction of the satellite on or after January 1, 1998;
- (12) Require reports from the executive officer of each institution it deems necessary for the effectual performance of its duties;
- 13 (13) Ensure that the state postsecondary system does not unnecessarily duplicate
 14 services and programs provided by private postsecondary institutions and shall
 15 promote maximum cooperation between the state postsecondary system and private
 16 postsecondary institutions. Receive and consider an annual report prepared by the
 17 Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities stating the
 18 condition of independent institutions, listing opportunities for more collaboration
 19 between the state and independent institutions and other information as appropriate;
 - (14) Establish course credit, transfer, and degree components as required in KRS 164.2951;
 - (15) Define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions. The council shall expedite wherever possible the approval of requests from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System board of regents relating to new certificate, diploma, technical, or associate degree programs of a vocational-technical and occupational

| 1 | | nature. Without the consent of the General Assembly, the council shall not abolish |
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| 2 | | or limit the total enrollment of the general program offered at any community |
| 3 | | college to meet the goal of reasonable access throughout the Commonwealth to a |
| 4 | | two (2) year course of general studies designed for transfer to a baccalaureate |
| 5 | | program. This does not restrict or limit the authority of the council, as set forth in |
| 6 | | this section, to eliminate or make changes in individual programs within that |
| 7 | | general program; |
| 8 | (16) | Eliminate, in its discretion, existing programs or make any changes in existing |
| 9 | | academic programs at the state's postsecondary educational institutions, taking into |
| 10 | | consideration these criteria: |
| 11 | | (a) Consistency with the institution's mission and the strategic agenda; |
| 12 | | (b) Alignment with the priorities in the strategic implementation plan for |
| 13 | | achieving the strategic agenda; |
| 14 | | (c) Elimination of unnecessary duplication of programs within and among |
| 15 | | institutions; and |
| 16 | | (d) Efforts to create cooperative programs with other institutions through |
| 17 | | traditional means, or by use of distance learning technology and electronic |
| 18 | | resources, to achieve effective and efficient program delivery; |
| 19 | (17) | Ensure the governing board and faculty of all postsecondary education institutions |
| 20 | | are committed to providing instruction free of discrimination against students who |
| 21 | | hold political views and opinions contrary to those of the governing board and |
| 22 | | faculty; |
| 23 | (18) | Review proposals and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the |
| 24 | | establishment of new public community colleges, technical institutions, and new |
| 25 | | four (4) year colleges; |
| 26 | (19) | [Postpone the approval of any new program at a state postsecondary educational |
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institution, unless the institution has met its equal educational opportunity goals, as

| 1 | established by the council. In accordance with administrative regulations |
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| 2 | promulgated by the council, those institutions not meeting the goals shall be able to |
| 3 | obtain a temporary waiver, if the institution has made substantial progress toward |
| 4 | meeting its equal educational opportunity goals; |
| 5 | (20)]Ensure the coordination, transferability, and connectivity of technology among |
| 6 | postsecondary institutions in the Commonwealth including the development and |
| 7 | implementation of a technology plan as a component of the strategic agenda; |
| 8 | (20)[(21)] Approve the teacher education programs in the public institutions that comply |
| 9 | with standards established by the Education Professional Standards Board pursuant |
| 10 | to KRS 161.028; |
| 11 | (21)[(22)] Constitute the representative agency of the Commonwealth in all matters of |
| 12 | postsecondary education of a general and statewide nature which are not otherwise |
| 13 | delegated to one (1) or more institutions of postsecondary learning. The |
| 14 | responsibility may be exercised through appropriate contractual relationships with |
| 15 | individuals or agencies located within or without the Commonwealth. The authority |
| 16 | includes but is not limited to contractual arrangements for programs of research, |
| 17 | specialized training, and cultural enrichment; |
| 18 | (22)[(23)] Maintain procedures for the approval of a designated receiver to provide for |
| 19 | the maintenance of student records of the public institutions of higher education and |
| 20 | the colleges as defined in KRS 164.945, and institutions operating pursuant to KRS |
| 21 | 165A.310 which offer collegiate level courses for academic credit, which cease to |
| 22 | operate. Procedures shall include assurances that, upon proper request, subject to |
| 23 | federal and state laws and regulations, copies of student records shall be made |
| 24 | available within a reasonable length of time for a minimum fee; |
| 25 | (23)[(24)] Monitor and transmit a report on compliance with KRS 164.351 to the |
| 26 | director of the Legislative Research Commission for distribution to the Interim |
| 27 | Joint Committee on Families and Children; |

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| (24) [(25)] (a) Develop in cooperation with each public university and the Kentucky |
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| Community and Technical College System a comprehensive orientation and |
| education program for new members of the council and the governing boards |
| and continuing education opportunities for all council and board members. |
| For new members of the council and institutional governing boards, the |
| council shall: |

- 1. Ensure that the orientation and education program comprises six (6) hours of instruction time and includes but is not limited to information concerning the roles of the council and governing board members, the strategic agenda and the strategic implementation plan, and the respective institution's mission, budget and finances, strategic plans and priorities, institutional policies and procedures, board fiduciary responsibilities, legal considerations including open records and open meetings requirements, ethical considerations arising from board membership, and the board member removal and replacement provisions of KRS 63.080;
- 2. Establish delivery methods by which the orientation and education program can be completed in person or electronically by new members within one (1) year of their appointment or election;
- Provide an annual report to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission of those new board members who do not complete the required orientation and education program; and
- 4. Invite governing board members of private colleges and universities licensed by the Council on Postsecondary Education to participate in the orientation and education program described in this subsection;
- (b) Offer, in cooperation with the public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, continuing education

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| 1 | C | opportunities for all council and governing board members; and |
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| 2 | (c) I | Review and approve the orientation programs of each public university and |
| 3 | t | he Kentucky Community and Technical College System for their governing |
| 4 | ŀ | poard members to ensure that all programs and information adhere to this |
| 5 | S | subsection; |
| 6 | <u>(25)</u> [(26)] I | Develop a financial reporting procedure to be used by all state postsecondary |
| 7 | educat | ion institutions to ensure uniformity of financial information available to |
| 8 | state a | gencies and the public; |
| 9 | <u>(26)</u> [(27)] S | Select and appoint a president of the council under KRS 164.013; |
| 10 | <u>(27)</u> [(28)] I | Employ consultants and other persons and employees as may be required for |
| 11 | the co | uncil's operations, functions, and responsibilities; |
| 12 | <u>(28)</u> [(29)] I | Promulgate administrative regulations, in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, |
| 13 | govern | ning its powers, duties, and responsibilities as described in this section; |
| 14 | <u>(29)</u> [(30)] I | Prepare and present by January 31 of each year an annual status report on |
| 15 | postse | condary education in the Commonwealth to the Governor[, the Strategic |
| 16 | Comm | nittee on Postsecondary Education,] and the Legislative Research |
| 17 | Comm | nission; |
| 18 | <u>(30)</u> [(31)] (| Consider the role, function, and capacity of independent institutions of |
| 19 | postse | condary education in developing policies to meet the immediate and future |
| 20 | needs | of the state. When it is found that independent institutions can meet state |
| 21 | needs | effectively, state resources may be used to contract with or otherwise assist |
| 22 | indepe | endent institutions in meeting these needs; |
| 23 | <u>(31)</u> [(32)] (| Create advisory groups representing the presidents, faculty, nonteaching staff, |
| 24 | and st | udents of the public postsecondary education system and the independent |
| 25 | college | es and universities; |
| 26 | <u>(32)</u> [(33)] I | Develop a statewide policy to promote employee and faculty development in |
| 27 | state a | nd locally operated secondary area technology centers through the waiver of |

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| 1 | tuition for college credit coursework in the public postsecondary education system. |
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| | Any regular full-time employee of a state or locally operated secondary area |
| 1 | technology center may, with prior administrative approval of the course offering |
| i | institution, take a maximum of six (6) credit hours per term at any public |
| 1 | postsecondary institution. The institution shall waive the tuition up to a maximum |
| (| of six (6) credit hours per term. The employee shall complete the Free Application |
| 1 | for Federal Student Aid to determine the level of need and eligibility for state and |
| 1 | federal financial aid programs. The amount of tuition waived shall not exceed the |
| (| cost of tuition at the institution less any state or federal grants received, which shall |
| 1 | be credited first to the student's tuition; |
| <u>(33)</u> [(: | 34)] Participate with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Board |
| (| of Education, and postsecondary education institutions to ensure that academic |
| (| content requirements for successful entry into postsecondary education programs |
| ä | are aligned with high school content standards and that students who master the |
| 1 | high school academic content standards shall not need remedial courses. The |
| (| council shall monitor the results on an ongoing basis; |
| <u>(34)</u> [(| 35)] Cooperate with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Education |
|] | Professional Standards Board in providing information sessions to selected |
| 1 | postsecondary education content faculty and teacher educators of the high school |
| ä | academic content standards as required under KRS 158.6453(2)(1); |
| <u>(35)</u> [(: | 36)] Cooperate with the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics and ensure the |
| 1 | participation of the public institutions as required in KRS 151B.133; |
| <u>(36)</u> [(: | Pursuant to KRS 63.080, review written notices from the Governor or from a |
| 1 | board of trustees or board of regents concerning removal of a board member or the |
| (| entire appointed membership of a board, investigate the member or board and the |
| (| conduct alleged to support removal, and make written recommendations to the |
| | Governor and the Legislative Research Commission as to whether the member or |

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| 1 | b | poard should be removed; and |
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| 2 | <u>(37)</u> [(3 | 88)] Exercise any other powers, duties, and responsibilities necessary to carry out |
| 3 | t | he purposes of this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant the |
| 4 | (| Council on Postsecondary Education authority to disestablish or eliminate any |
| 5 | C | college of law which became a part of the state system of higher education through |
| 6 | n | merger with a state college. |
| 7 | = | Section 4. KRS 164.0211 is amended to read as follows: |
| 8 | (1) <u>7</u> | The Board of Student Body Presidents is hereby created as an advisory board and |
| 9 | <u>s</u> | hall be attached to the Council on Postsecondary Education for administration |
| 10 | <u>a</u> | and organization purposes. |
| 11 | (2) T | The board shall consist of the student body president of each four (4) year public |
| 12 | υ | university, [the]two (2) student regents to be designated by the board of regents of |
| 13 | t | he Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and one (1) student body |
| 14 | p | president representing the members of the Association of Independent Kentucky |
| 15 | (| Colleges and Universities [shall serve on the an advisory board to be known as the |
| 16 | Ŧ | Board of Student Body Presidents]. The student body president representing the |
| 17 | i | ndependent colleges and universities shall be selected under a process established |
| 18 | b | by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. |
| 19 | <u>(3)</u> [(2) | The Board of Student Body Presidents shall advise the legislative and |
| 20 | e | executive branches regarding postsecondary education issues and concerns of |
| 21 | S | students. |
| 22 | <u>(4)</u> [(3) | At least once each year, the Board of Student Body Presidents shall meet with |
| 23 | t | he Council on Postsecondary Education and the Advisory Conference of |
| 24 | F | Presidents. |
| 25 | <u>(5)</u> [(4) | The Board of Student Body Presidents shall submit the names of three (3) |
| 26 | n | nominees to the Governor for consideration in the appointment of a student member |
| 27 | t | o the Council on Postsecondary Education pursuant to KRS 164.011. |

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| 1 | → Section 5. KRS 164.321 is amended to read as follows: |
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| 2 | (1) (a) Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State |
| 3 | University, Western Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, |
| 4 | Northern Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical |
| 5 | College System shall each be governed by a board of regents appointed for a |
| 6 | term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky. |
| 7 | (b)[(a)] Each board of the comprehensive universities shall consist of eight (8) |
| 8 | members appointed by the Governor, one (1) member of the teaching faculty, |
| 9 | one (1) member of the university nonteaching personnel, and one (1) member |
| 10 | of the student body of the respective university or college. The members |
| 11 | appointed by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and |
| 12 | shall not be eligible to serve until confirmed. The members of the board shall |
| 13 | select a chairperson annually. |
| 14 | (c)[(b)] The board of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System |
| 15 | shall consist of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor, two (2) |
| 16 | members of the teaching faculty, two (2) members of the nonteaching |
| 17 | personnel, and two (2) members of the student body. The members appointed |
| 18 | by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and shall not |
| 19 | be eligible to serve until confirmed. |
| 20 | 1. No more than three (3) appointed members of the board shall reside in |
| 21 | any one (1) judicial district of the Kentucky Supreme Court as of the |
| 22 | date of the appointment. |
| 23 | 2. A change in residency of a gubernatorial appointee after the date of |
| 24 | appointment shall not affect the appointee's ability to serve or eligibility |
| 25 | for reappointment, except an appointee who assumes residency outside |
| 26 | the fifty (50) United States shall become immediately ineligible to serve |
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- 3. In making initial appointments, the Governor shall act so as to provide equal representation of the two (2) sexes. In filling vacancies, the Governor shall act so as to provide, inasmuch as possible, equal representation of the two (2) sexes by appointing a member of the sex that is the lesser represented at the time of the appointment. If the remaining membership already has an equal number of males and females, the Governor may appoint a member of either sex.
- 9 (2) The terms of appointed members shall be for six (6) years and until their successors
 10 are appointed and qualified, unless a member is removed by the Governor pursuant
 11 to KRS 63.080(2), (3), or (4)[, except the initial appointments to the board of
 12 regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be as
 13 follows:
- 14 (a) One (1) member shall serve a one (1) year term;
- 15 (b) One (1) member shall serve a two (2) year term;
- 16 (c) Two (2) members shall serve three (3) year terms;
- 17 (d) One (1) member shall serve a four (4) year term;
- (e) One (1) member shall serve a five (5) year term; and
- 19 (f) Two (2) members shall serve six (6) year terms].
- New appointees of a board of regents shall not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- 22 (3) The gubernatorial appointments may include one (1) graduate of the respective 23 institution who resides outside the Commonwealth. Not more than two (2) 24 appointed members of any board shall be residents of one (1) county. The 25 appointments shall reflect the proportional representation of the two (2) leading 26 political parties of the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the 27 political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the

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- Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner and within the same time after the occurrence of the vacancy as regular appointments. The person appointed shall hold the position for the unexpired term only.
- 22 (5) Each member of the board shall serve for the term for which the member is 23 appointed and until a successor is appointed and qualified, unless a member is 24 removed by the Governor pursuant to KRS 63.080(2), (3), or (4).
- 25 (6) (a) The faculty member of a comprehensive university shall be a teaching or 26 research member of the faculty of his or her respective university of the rank 27 of assistant professor or above. The faculty member shall be elected by secret

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ballot by all faculty members of his or her university of the rank of instructor, assistant professor, or above. The faculty member shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The faculty member shall be eligible for reelection, but he or she shall not be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if he or she ceases being a member of the teaching staff of the university. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(b) The faculty members of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be represented by one (1) faculty member elected from the community colleges and one (1) faculty member elected from the technical institutions to serve three (3) year terms and until their successors are named. The faculty representative of each branch shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. The faculty members may be reelected but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A faculty member shall be ineligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if he or she ceases to be a member of the faculty at one (1) of the institutions within the system. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election. These two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member.

The nonteaching personnel member in a comprehensive university shall be any full-time staff member excluding the president, vice presidents, academic deans, and academic department chairpersons. He or she shall represent all nonteaching university employees including, but not limited to, building facilities and clerical personnel. The member shall be elected by secret ballot by the nonteaching employees. The nonteaching personnel member shall serve a term of three (3) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The nonteaching personnel member shall be eligible for reelection, but he or

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The nonteaching personnel members in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be any full-time staff member excluding a president, chancellor, vice president, academic dean, academic department chair, or other administrator. They shall represent all nonteaching employees in their respective branch institutions including, but not limited to, support and clerical personnel. One (1) member shall be a representative from the community colleges and one (1) member shall be a representative from the technical institutions. They shall serve three (3) year terms and until their successors are named. These two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member. The nonteaching personnel members of each branch shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. A nonteaching personnel member may be reelected but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A nonteaching employee shall be ineligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if that employee ceases to be a nonteaching employee at one (1) of the institutions within the system. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(8) (a) The student member on a comprehensive university board shall serve a one (1) year term beginning on July 1 after being elected and sworn in as student body president and ending on the following June 30. If the student member does not maintain the position as student body president or the status as a fulltime student at any time during that academic year, a special election shall be held to select a full-time student member. The elected student member shall

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(b) Two (2) full-time student members shall be elected to the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. One (1) shall represent students of the community colleges and one (1) shall represent the technical institutions. The student members shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. The student members shall serve one (1) year terms beginning on July 1 after being elected and sworn in as a student member of the board and ending on the following June 30. If the student member does not maintain the status as a full-time student, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member.

- (9) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(24)[(25)], as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.
- 17 (10) Board members may be removed by the Governor under the following 18 circumstances:
- 19 (a) For cause, pursuant to KRS 63.080(2); or
- 20 (b) Pursuant to KRS 63.080(3) or (4).
- 21 (11) The inability of the board or boards of the comprehensive universities or Kentucky
 22 Community and Technical College System to hold quarterly meetings, to elect a
 23 chairperson annually, to establish a quorum, to adopt an annual budget, to set
 24 tuition rates, to conduct an annual evaluation of the president of the university or
 25 system, to carry out its primary function to periodically evaluate the university's or
 26 system's progress in implementing its mission, goals, and objectives to conform to
 27 the strategic agenda, or to otherwise perform its duties under KRS 164.350 shall be

cause for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board or boards and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to KRS 63.080(4).

- 3 → Section 6. KRS 15.257 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 The Office of the Attorney General shall, within ninety (90) days of June 20, 2005, (1) and thereafter, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any legislation 5 6 amending the provisions of the Open Meetings Act or the Open Records Act, 7 distribute to all county judge/executives, mayors, county attorneys, city attorneys, 8 superintendents of public school districts, presidents of each of the state public 9 postsecondary education institutions identified in KRS 161.220(4)(b) 10 164.001(12) or (16) $\frac{(13)}{(13)}$ or $\frac{(17)}{1}$, and attorneys of public school districts and public 11 postsecondary education institutions throughout Kentucky written information 12 prepared by the Office of the Attorney General that explains the procedural and 13 substantive provisions of the Open Meetings Act, KRS 61.805 to 61.850, and the 14 Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884, together with the information required 15 by KRS 171.223 to be prepared by the Department for Libraries and Archives 16 concerning proper retention and management of public records. This distribution 17 may be by electronic means.
 - (2) All superintendents of public school districts and the presidents of each of the state public postsecondary education institutions identified in KRS 161.220(4)(b) or 164.001(12) or (16)[(13) or (17)] shall be responsible for designating and submitting the names and addresses of the attorneys to whom this information shall be disseminated to the Office of the Attorney General.
- → Section 7. KRS 164.011 is amended to read as follows:

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24 (1) There is hereby created and established a Council on Postsecondary Education in
25 Kentucky as an agency, instrumentality, and political subdivision of the
26 Commonwealth and a public body corporate and politic having all powers, duties,
27 and responsibilities as are provided to it by law, appointed for a term set by law

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pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky. The council shall be composed of the commissioner of education, a faculty member, a student member, and thirteen (13) citizen members appointed by the Governor. The citizen members shall be confirmed by the Senate under KRS 11.160, and the commissioner of education shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Citizen council members shall be selected from a list of nominees provided to the Governor under the nominating process set forth in KRS 164.005. If the General Assembly is not in session at the time of the appointment, persons appointed shall serve prior to confirmation, but the Governor shall seek the consent of the Senate at the next regular session or at an intervening extraordinary session if the matter is included in the call of the General Assembly.

By no later than thirty (30) days after May 30, 1997, the Governor's Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee shall submit nominations to the Governor as set forth in KRS 164.005. On making appointments to the council, the Governor shall ensure broad geographical and political representation; ensure equal representation of the two (2) sexes, inasmuch as possible; ensure no less than proportional representation of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the date of his or her appointment; and ensure that appointments reflect the minority racial composition of the Commonwealth based on the total minority racial population using the most recent census or estimate data from the United States Census Bureau. If the determination of proportional minority representation does not result in a whole number of minority members, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. A particular political affiliation shall not be a prerequisite to appointment to the council generally; however, if any person is appointed to the council that does not represent either of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth, the proportional

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- One (1) member shall be a full-time faculty member employed at a state institution (3)of postsecondary education. The faculty member shall be appointed to a four (4) year term by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees selected and submitted by majority vote of the ten (10) faculty members who serve as faculty representatives of the boards of trustees and boards of regents of the nine (9) postsecondary education institutions.
- (4) One (1) member shall be enrolled as a full-time student at a state institution of postsecondary education and shall be selected annually in the following manner: not later than June 1 of each year the eight (8) student body presidents of the four (4) year state public institutions of higher education, the two (2) student members to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and one (1) student body president representing the members of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities shall elect by majority vote three (3) nominees to submit to the Governor. From this list of nominees, the Governor shall appoint a student member.

- 1 (5)In filling any vacancies, the Governor shall ensure the continuing representation
- 2 upon the council of the broad constituencies as set forth in subsection (2) of this
- 3 section. Vacancies on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term in
- 4 accordance with the procedures established for the original appointments.
- 5 Each citizen member shall serve a term of six (6) years unless removed by the (6)
- 6 Governor for cause, except the initial appointments shall be as follows:
- 7 (a) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 1997;
- 8 (b) Three (3) appointments shall expire December 31, 1998;
- 9 (c) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 1999;
- 10 (d) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2000;
- 11 (e) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2001; and
- 12 (f) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2002].
- 13 Any person, other than the chief state school officer, holding either an elective or (7)
- 14 appointive state office or who is a member of the governing board of any state
- 15 university in Kentucky, shall be ineligible for membership or appointment on the
- 16 council during his term.
- 17 The members of the council shall elect the chair and the vice chair of the council (8)
- 18 from among the council's membership, and the chair and vice chair shall serve at
- 19 the pleasure of the council. The vice chair shall serve as chair in the absence of the
- 20 chair.
- 21 The council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair
- 22 or a majority of the council.
- 23 (10) A quorum shall be a majority of the appointive membership of the council.
- 24 (11) A quorum shall be required to organize and conduct the business of the council,
- 25 except that an affirmative vote of eight (8) or more appointive members of the
- 26 entire council shall be required to dismiss from employment the president of the
- 27 council, and to adopt or amend the state strategic postsecondary education agenda.

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- 2 (13) New appointees to the council shall complete an orientation and education program
- set forth in KRS 164.020(24)[(25)] to be eligible for appointment to a second term.
- 4 → Section 8. KRS 164.131 is amended to read as follows:
- 5 (1) (a) The government of the University of Kentucky is vested in a board of trustees 6 appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of
- 7 Kentucky.

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- 8 (b) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(24)[(25)], as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.
 - (c) The board shall periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda. Officers and officials shall be held accountable for the status of the institution's progress.
 - (d) Board members may be removed by the Governor under the following circumstances:
 - 1. For cause, pursuant to KRS 63.080(2); or
- 19 2. Pursuant to KRS 63.080(3) or (4).
- 20 (e) The board shall consist of sixteen (16) members appointed by the Governor,
 21 two (2) members of the faculty of the University of Kentucky, one (1)
 22 member of the University of Kentucky nonteaching personnel, and one (1)
 23 member of the student body of the University of Kentucky. The members
 24 appointed by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. The
 25 voting members of the board shall select a chairperson annually.
- 26 (2) (a) The terms of the appointed members shall be for six (6) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless a member is removed by the

| 1 | | Governor pursuant to KRS 63.080(2), (3), or (4), except the initial |
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| 2 | | appointments shall be as follows: |
| 3 | | 1. Two (2) members shall serve one (1) year terms; |
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| 5 | | be a graduate of the university, selected from a list of three (3) names |
| 6 | | submitted by the alumni of the university according to rules established |
| 7 | | by the board of trustees; |
| 8 | | 3. Three (3) members shall serve three (3) year terms; |
| 9 | | 4. Three (3) members shall serve four (4) year terms, one (1) of whom |
| 10 | | shall be a graduate of the university, selected as under subparagraph 2. |
| 11 | | of this subsection; |
| 12 | | 5. Three (3) members shall serve five (5) year terms; and |
| 13 | | 6. Three (3) members shall serve six (6) year terms, one (1) of whom shall |
| 14 | | be a graduate of the university, selected as under subparagraph 2. of this |
| 15 | | subsection. |
| 16 | (b) | 1. Three (3) of the appointments shall be graduates of the university and |
| 17 | | may include one (1) graduate of the institution who resides outside the |
| 18 | | Commonwealth; |
| 19 | | 2. Three (3) shall be representative of agricultural interests; and |
| 20 | | 3. Ten (10) shall be other distinguished citizens representative of the |
| 21 | | learned professions and may include one (1) who resides outside of |
| 22 | | Kentucky. |
| 23 | (c) | The Governor shall make the appointments so as to reflect proportional |
| 24 | | representation of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth |
| 25 | | based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each |
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minority racial composition of the Commonwealth based on the total minority racial population using the most recent census or estimate data from the United States Census Bureau. If the determination of proportional minority representation does not result in a whole number of minority members, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. A particular political affiliation shall not be a prerequisite to appointment to the board generally; however, if any person is appointed to the board that does not represent either of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth, the proportional representation by political affiliation requirement shall be determined and satisfied based on the total number of members on the board less any members not affiliated with either of the two (2) leading political parties.

- (d) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original appointments.
- (3) The two (2) University of Kentucky faculty members shall be of the rank of assistant professor or above. They shall be elected by secret ballot by all University of Kentucky faculty members of the rank of assistant professor or above. Faculty members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Faculty members shall be eligible for reelection, but they shall be ineligible to continue to serve as members of the board of trustees if they cease to be members of the faculty of the university. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for original elections.
- (4) The nonteaching personnel member shall be any full-time staff member, excluding the president, vice-presidents, academic deans, and academic department chairpersons. The staff member shall represent all nonteaching university employees, including but not limited to building facilities and clerical personnel. The staff member shall be elected by secret ballot by the nonteaching employees. The staff member shall serve a term of three (3) years and until a successor is

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- The student member shall serve a one (1) year term beginning on July 1 after being elected and sworn in as student body president and ending on the following June 30. If the student member does not maintain the position of student body president or the status of a full-time student at any time during that academic year, a special election shall be held to select a full-time student member. The elected student member shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 12 (6) The number of student and employee trustees of the University of Kentucky elected 13 to the board shall not exceed four (4).
- 14 (7) Unless specifically approved by the board of trustees under the provisions of KRS
 15 164.367, no member of the administrative staff of the university shall be directly or
 16 indirectly interested in any contract with the university for the sale of property,
 17 materials, supplies, equipment, or services, with exception of compensation to the
 18 two (2) faculty members, and the one (1) nonteaching personnel member.
- 19 (8) New appointees of the board shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- 20 (9) The inability of the board to hold regular meetings, to elect a chairperson annually,
 21 to establish a quorum, to adopt an annual budget, to set tuition rates, to conduct an
 22 annual evaluation of the president of the university, or to carry out its primary
 23 function to periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its
 24 mission, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda shall be cause for
 25 the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board and replace the entire
 26 appointed membership pursuant to KRS 63.080(4).
- → Section 9. KRS 164.2843 is amended to read as follows:

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1 Each institution of the postsecondary education system, as defined in KRS 164.001[(17)],

- 2 that provides in-state tuition for nonresident children of graduates may provide the same
- 3 in-state tuition for nonresident siblings of graduates.

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- 4 → Section 10. KRS 164.465 is amended to read as follows:
- The presidents of state postsecondary education institutions identified in KRS 5 (1)161.220(4)(b) or 164.001(12) or (16)(13) or (17)(17) shall distribute the written 6 7 information provided by the Office of the Attorney General and the Department for 8 Libraries and Archives under KRS 15.257 and 171.223 to each board of regents or 9 governing board member of their university. Distribution shall be accomplished 10 within sixty (60) days of receiving the written information from the Office of the 11 Attorney General and the Department for Libraries and Archives. Distribution to 12 newly appointed members shall be accomplished within sixty (60) days of their 13 appointment. The distribution may be by electronic means.
- (2)The presidents of state public postsecondary education institutions, as identified in subsection (1) of this section, shall require signatory proof that each board of 16 regents or governing board member has received the written information as required under subsection (1) of this section, shall maintain documentation of receipt on file, and shall certify to the Office of the Attorney General that the written information has been distributed as required.
- 20 → Section 11. KRS 164.821 is amended to read as follows:
- 21 (1) The government of the University of Louisville is vested in a board of trustees 22 appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of 23 Kentucky. The board shall consist of ten (10) members appointed by the Governor, 24 at least one (1) of whom shall be a graduate of the university; one (1) member of 25 the teaching faculty of the University of Louisville who shall be the chief executive 26 of the ranking unit of faculty government; one (1) member of the permanent staff of 27 the University of Louisville who shall be the chief executive of the staff senate; and

one (1) student member who shall be the president of the student body during the appropriate academic year. The members appointed by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

- (a) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(24)[(25)], as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.
- (b) Board members may be removed by the Governor under the following circumstances:
 - 1. For cause, pursuant to KRS 63.080(2); or
- 2. Pursuant to KRS 63.080(3) or(4).

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- 12 (c) New appointees to the board shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- 14 (2) The student member shall serve a one (1) year term beginning on July 1 after being
 15 elected and sworn in as student body president and ending on the following June
 16 30. If the student member does not maintain the position of student body president
 17 or the status of a full-time student at any time during that academic year, a special
 18 election shall be held to select a full-time student member. The elected student
 19 member shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 20 (3) The faculty member and staff member shall serve one (1) year terms and cease to
 21 be eligible for membership on the board of trustees upon termination of their
 22 respective relationships with, or leadership positions within, the university, and
 23 vacancies occurring for this reason shall be filled for the remainder of the respective
 24 terms in the same manner.
- 25 (4) The gubernatorial appointments shall serve a term of six (6) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless a member is removed by the Governor pursuant to KRS 63.080(2), (3), or (4)[, except the initial terms shall be as

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- (b) Two (2) members shall serve two (2) year terms;
- 4 (c) Two (2) members shall serve three (3) year terms;
- 5 (d) Two (2) members shall serve four (4) year terms;
- 6 (e) One (1) member shall serve a five (5) year term; and
- 7 (f) One (1) member shall serve a six (6) year term].
- 8 (5) The Governor shall make his at-large appointments so as to divide the appointed representation upon the board to reflect:
 - (a) The proportional representation of the two (2) leading political parties in the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the date of his or her appointment. A particular political affiliation shall not be a prerequisite to appointment to the board generally; however, if any person is appointed to the board that does not represent either of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth, the proportional representation by political affiliation requirement shall be determined and satisfied based on the total number of members on the board less any members not affiliated with either of the two (2) leading political parties; and
 - (b) No less than the proportional representation of the minority racial composition of the Commonwealth based on the total minority racial population using the most recent census or estimate data from the United States Census Bureau. If the determination of proportional minority representation does not result in a whole number of minority members, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number.
 - (6) Vacancies among the appointed members of the board occurring by death, resignation, or any other cause, other than expiration of a term, shall be filled by

1 appointments made by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term,

- 2 subject to the qualifications set forth in this section.
- 3 (7) Unless specifically approved by the board of trustees under the provisions of KRS
- 4 164.367, no member of the teaching or administrative staff of the university shall be
- 5 directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the university for the sale of
- 6 property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services, with the exception of
- 7 compensation to the faculty, staff, and student members.
- 8 (8) The inability of the board to hold regular meetings, to elect a chairperson annually,
- 9 to establish a quorum, to adopt an annual budget, to set tuition rates, to conduct an
- annual evaluation of the president of the university, to carry out its primary function
- 11 to periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its mission, goals,
- and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda, or to otherwise perform its duties
- under KRS 164.830 shall be cause for the Governor to remove all appointed
- members of the board and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to
- 15 KRS 63.080(4).
- → Section 12. The following KRS sections are repealed:
- 17 164.004 Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education.
- 18 164.0285 Definitions for KRS 164.0285 to 164.0288.
- 19 164.0286 STEM Initiative Task Force -- Purpose -- Membership -- Steering committee
- 20 oversight and coordination -- Administrative attachment -- Contracting -- Funding.
- 21 164.0287 Duties of STEM Initiative Task Force -- Strategic plan -- Business plan.
- 22 164.0288 Kentucky STEM Initiative fund.
- 23 164.033 Local P-16 councils.