

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 15.420 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 15.410 to 15.510, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Cabinet" means the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet;

6 (2) (a) "Police officer" means:

7 1. A local officer, limited to:

8 a. A full-time:

9 i. Member of a lawfully organized police department of
10 county, urban-county, or city government; or

11 ii. Sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff, including any sheriff
12 providing court security or appointed under KRS 70.030;

13 b. A school resource officer as defined in KRS 158.441; or

14 c. One (1) of the following who is otherwise eligible for an annual
15 supplement established in accordance with KRS 15.460, but who
16 does not receive one:

17 i. An officer serving on a joint task force;

18 ii. A detective employed by a county attorney;

19 iii. A process server for juvenile courts within a consolidated
20 local government; and

21 iv. A local alcoholic beverage control investigator appointed
22 pursuant to KRS Chapter 241; and

23 2. A state officer, limited to:

24 a. A public university police officer;

25 b. A Kentucky state trooper;

26 c. A Kentucky State Police arson investigator;

27 d. A Kentucky State Police hazardous device investigator;

- 1 e. A Kentucky State Police legislative security specialist;
- 2 f. A Kentucky vehicle enforcement officer;
- 3 g. A Kentucky Horse Park mounted patrol officer, subject to KRS
- 4 15.460(1)(f);
- 5 h. A Kentucky state park ranger, subject to KRS 15.460(1)(f);
- 6 i. An agriculture investigator;
- 7 j. A charitable gaming investigator;
- 8 k. An alcoholic beverage control investigator;
- 9 l. An insurance fraud investigator;
- 10 m. An Attorney General investigator;
- 11 n. A Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources game
- 12 warden, subject to KRS 15.460(1)(e);~~and~~
- 13 o. Any detective for a Commonwealth's attorney who would
- 14 otherwise be eligible for a supplement established in accordance
- 15 with KRS 15.460, but who does not receive one; and
- 16 **p. A Kentucky State Fair Board special police officer, subject to**
- 17 **KRS 15.460(1)(f);**
- 18 who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
- 19 enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state;
- 20 (b) "Police officer" does not include any sheriff who earns the maximum
- 21 constitutional salary for this office, any special deputy sheriff appointed under
- 22 KRS 70.045, any constable, deputy constable, district detective, deputy
- 23 district detective, special local peace officer, auxiliary police officer, or any
- 24 other peace officer not specifically authorized in KRS 15.410 to 15.510;
- 25 (3) "Police department" means the employer of a police officer;
- 26 (4) "Retirement plan" means a defined benefit plan consisting of required employer
- 27 contributions pursuant to KRS 61.565, 61.702, or any other provision of law;

1 (5) "Unit of government" means any city, county, combination of cities and counties,
2 public university, state agency, local school district, or county sheriff's office of the
3 Commonwealth; and

4 (6) "Validated job task analysis" means the core job description that describes the
5 minimum entry level requirements, qualifications, and training requirements for
6 peace officers in the Commonwealth, and that is based upon an actual survey and
7 study of police officer duties and responsibilities conducted by an entity recognized
8 by the council as being competent to conduct such a study.