

1 AN ACT relating to the governance of the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 167.017 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) (a) The superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall be appointed by
5 the chief state school officer. The appointment shall be made upon
6 recommendation of a search committee which shall be appointed by the
7 Kentucky School for the Deaf Board~~[of Education]~~ whenever appointment of
8 a superintendent becomes necessary.

9 (b) The appointment of the superintendent shall be made within thirty (30) days
10 of the recommendation of the search committee, unless the chief state
11 school officer provides written notification to the Kentucky Board of
12 Education and the Kentucky School for the Deaf Board of the reason for
13 the failure to make the appointment within the allotted time.

14 (c) The superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall carry out all
15 duties assigned to him or her by the chief state school officer, in
16 consultation with the Kentucky School for the Deaf Board, for the operation
17 of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, including those duties typically
18 reserved for a school principal when the Kentucky School for the Deaf is
19 without a principal.

20 (2) (a) The search committee for the superintendent of the Kentucky School for the
21 Deaf shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of a
22 vacancy and shall consist of the representative of the~~[State]~~ Department of
23 Education selected by the chief state school officer, one (1) representative of
24 the Kentucky Association of the Deaf, Inc., one (1) representative of the
25 Kentucky School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Inc., one (1)
26 representative of the Kentucky School for the Deaf faculty, one (1) parent of a
27 student at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and one (1) representative of the

1 Kentucky School for the Deaf ~~[advisory]~~ Board.

2 **(b)** The search committee's recommendation ~~shall~~~~[must]~~ be approved by a
3 majority of the Kentucky **School for the Deaf** Board~~[of Education]~~ members.

4 **(c)** *In making its recommendation, the search committee shall prioritize*
5 *candidates who are willing to reside near the Kentucky School for the Deaf*
6 *facilities and commit to full-time employment as superintendent of the*
7 *Kentucky School for the Deaf.*

8 (3) The superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf may be removed from
9 office by the Kentucky **School for the Deaf** Board~~[of Education]~~ only by a
10 majority vote of the Kentucky **School for the Deaf** Board~~[of Education]~~.

11 **(4)** *A current or former employee of the Kentucky Department of Education or a*
12 *current or former member of the Kentucky Board of Education shall not be*
13 *eligible for consideration of appointment as the superintendent of the Kentucky*
14 *School for the Deaf for a period of one (1) year after the date of:*

15 **(a)** *Leaving the position or termination of employment; or*

16 **(b)** *The term of office to which the member of the board was appointed expires.*

17 **(5)** *Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, this section shall not be construed*
18 *to prohibit a binding contract for the employment of a superintendent for the*
19 *Kentucky School for the Deaf entered into prior to the effective date of this Act.*

20 ➔Section 2. KRS 167.037 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) There ~~is hereby~~~~[shall be]~~ established ~~the~~~~[a]~~ Kentucky School for the Deaf
22 ~~[Advisory]~~ Board, composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Kentucky
23 Board of Education upon recommendation of the chief state school officer.~~[At the~~
24 ~~first regular meeting in each fiscal year, the board shall elect a chairman and vice~~
25 ~~chairman.]~~ A member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years as
26 **chair**~~[chairman]~~. Members shall be appointed for regular terms of four (4) years.~~[~~
27 ~~Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for~~

1 ~~necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.}~~

2 (2) ~~{Advisory }~~Board members for the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall be selected
3 from nominations submitted by the Kentucky Association of the Deaf Inc., the
4 Parent-Teacher-Cottage Parent Association, the Kentucky School for the Deaf
5 Alumni Association Inc., the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, and
6 the chief state school officer. **A majority of the board's membership shall be**
7 **persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.** Membership on the board shall be
8 statewide and shall consist of:

9 **(a)** Two (2) parents of deaf children:~~{,}~~

10 **(b)** One (1) professional in education of the deaf:~~{,}~~

11 **(c)** One (1) former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf:~~{,}~~

12 **(d)** One (1) member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf:~~{,}~~

13 **(e)** Two (2) members who shall represent school districts:~~{,}~~ and

14 **(f)** Two (2) members at large.~~{ A majority of the board's membership shall be~~
15 ~~persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.}~~

16 (3) The board shall **direct the work of and**~~{act in an advisory capacity to}~~ assist the
17 school superintendent in conducting the activities of the school. **The board shall**
18 **develop and adopt policies, not inconsistent with the policies and administrative**
19 **regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, by which the superintendent of**
20 **the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall be governed in planning, coordinating,**
21 **administering, supervising, operating, and evaluating the educational programs,**
22 **services, and activities of the Kentucky School for the Deaf which are within the**
23 **jurisdiction of the board.** The board shall also make recommendations to the chief
24 state school officer concerning all areas relating to the effective operation of the
25 school, including but not limited to:

26 (a) Goals and objectives,

27 (b) Budget requests,

- 1 (c) Student services,
- 2 (d) Public relations,
- 3 (e) Construction and maintenance, and
- 4 (f) Program evaluation.

5 **(4) (a) A vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in the same**
6 **manner as the initial appointment and shall serve for the remainder of the**
7 **unexpired term.**

8 **(b) At the first regular meeting of the board in each fiscal year, a chair and vice**
9 **chair shall be elected from the board membership.**

10 **(c) The members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses**
11 **incurred in the performance of their duties.**

12 **(5) The Kentucky School for the Deaf Board shall be attached to the Kentucky**
13 **Department of Education for administrative purposes.**

14 ➔Section 3. KRS 167.170 is amended to read as follows:

15 The Kentucky Board of Education shall ~~alone~~ have the power to expel a pupil from the
16 Kentucky School for the Blind or the Kentucky School for the Deaf. The board may
17 delegate that power to a three (3) member panel of the board. **However, the board may**
18 **delegate the power to expel a pupil from the Kentucky School for the Deaf to the**
19 **Kentucky School for the Deaf Board.**

20 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding the appointment schedule and terms of members of
21 the Kentucky School for the Deaf Board, the Kentucky Board of Education shall appoint
22 the members of the Kentucky School for the Deaf advisory board to their equivalent
23 membership position on the Kentucky School for the Deaf Board. Members appointed
24 pursuant to this section shall serve a term equivalent to the remainder of their unexpired
25 term as a member of the Kentucky School for the Deaf advisory board.