

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.

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

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,

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.