

1 AN ACT relating to a performing arts career pathway.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.814 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) In order to ensure that high-quality, relevant secondary career and technical
5 programs are available to students in all school districts that enable them to gain the
6 academic and technical skills to meet high school graduation requirements and for
7 successful transition to postsecondary education, work, or the military and to
8 support present-day and future needs of Kentucky employers, the Department of
9 Education shall:

10 (a) Review and revise as needed the equipment and facilities standards for each
11 career and technical education program identified and described in the career
12 and technical education supplement to the Kentucky program of studies and
13 published by the Department of Education; and

14 (b) Determine the statewide unmet needs for career and technical education
15 capital projects, including renovations and expansions of existing facilities
16 and the construction of new technology centers, through a needs assessment
17 process. This process shall be tied to specific criteria in determining if the
18 current programs or career pathways offered in locally and state-operated
19 facilities are appropriate for the students in the school districts served as well
20 as for determining if new programs are needed. The statewide assessment of
21 capital needs for career and technical education shall be incorporated into the
22 local school district facility plan as required by KRS 157.420. The Kentucky
23 Board of Education shall incorporate criteria within the administrative
24 regulations relating to school facility plan requirements to prioritize need for
25 career and technical education programming, regardless of whether the
26 programs are locally or state-operated.

27 (2) ***The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop a career pathway or a***

- 1 *program within a career pathway focused on education in performing arts to be*
2 *offered in locally and state-operated career and technical education programs.*
3 (3) The Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee established in KRS
4 156.806 shall be consulted in carrying out the requirements of this section.