

1 AN ACT relating to educational lobbying.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Lobby" has the same meaning as "lobbying services" in KRS 139.010 and
7 includes the attempt to influence any public referendum, primary, special
8 election, or regular election; and

9 (b) "Public school or school district" means a school district, public school,
10 public charter school, or public education cooperative of the
11 Commonwealth and includes all programs, departments, and offices of a
12 school district, public school, public charter school, or public educational
13 cooperative and any individual acting in an official capacity on behalf of a
14 school district, public charter school, public school, or public educational
15 cooperative;

16 (2) A public school or school district shall not, directly or indirectly, expend any
17 moneys appropriated by the General Assembly or any other moneys derived from
18 bequests, charges, deposits, donations, endowments, fees, grants, gifts, income,
19 receipts, tuition, or any other source to compensate an external individual or
20 entity to lobby.

21 (3) This section shall not be construed to restrict the ability of:

22 (a) A public school or school district employee to engage in lobbying services
23 within the course and scope of the employee's job description on behalf of
24 the public school or school district; or

25 (b) A public school or school district to compensate an external individual or
26 entity to represent the interests of the public school or school district before
27 the executive or legislative branch of the federal government.

1 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 (1) As used in this section, "lobbying services" means the act of promoting or
4 securing passage of Kentucky legislation or an attempt to influence or sway a
5 state or local public official or other state or local public servant toward a desired
6 action, including but not limited to the support of or opposition to a project or the
7 passage, amendment, defeat, approval, or veto of any state or local legislation,
8 regulation, rule, or ordinance.

9 (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a public postsecondary education
10 institution shall not directly or indirectly, expend any moneys appropriated by the
11 General Assembly or any other moneys derived from bequests, charges, deposits,
12 donations, endowments, fees, grants, gifts, income, receipts, tuition, or any other
13 source to compensate an external individual or entity to engage in lobbying
14 services.

15 (3) This section shall not be construed to restrict the ability of:

16 (a) An employee of a public postsecondary education institution to engage in
17 lobbying services within the course and scope of the employee's job
18 description on behalf of the institution; or

19 (b) A public postsecondary education institution to compensate an external
20 individual or entity to represent the interests of the institution before the
21 executive or legislative branch of the federal government.