

1 AN ACT relating to natural resources.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 224A.300 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The General Assembly finds that it is necessary to encourage regionalization,
5 consolidation, and partnerships among governmental agencies, and private parties
6 when appropriate, with the goal of making public water and wastewater treatment
7 secure for all Kentuckians. This is accomplished through the maximization of
8 financial, managerial, and technical resources and the protection of source water of
9 the Commonwealth. Based on these findings, the General Assembly declares that
10 the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority shall implement a program for reliable
11 infrastructure and the security and safety of water and wastewater systems as
12 authorized in the budget and directed by the General Assembly. The Energy and
13 Environment Cabinet shall provide technical support to the Kentucky Infrastructure
14 Authority as needed to implement this program.
- 15 (2) The authority shall be responsible for the management and operation of the Water
16 Resource Information System. The authority shall maintain and, at least annually,
17 update the information contained in this system to ensure its accuracy.
- 18 (3) The authority may request all branches of state and local government, including
19 special districts and water districts, to provide information relating to the status of
20 existing plants, the financial condition of existing systems, and the existing
21 regulatory authority held by agencies of government regarding the issue of water
22 management. All branches of state and local government shall, to the extent
23 reasonable and appropriate, comply with the authority's~~[such]~~ requests for
24 information.
- 25 (4) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations ***in accordance with KRS***
26 ***Chapter 13A*** that require a water supply and distribution system receiving or
27 seeking funding to provide current information regarding the financial, managerial,

1 and technical aspects of its system and, thereafter, to furnish updates to the
2 information so provided.