

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2026 BR NUMBER 113

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 619/HCS 1

TITLE AN ACT relating to public postsecondary education.

SPONSOR Representative Josh Bray

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Kentucky Community and Technical College System

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES		See Explanation	See Explanation	See Explanation
NET EFFECT		See Explanation	See Explanation	See Explanation

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The measure amends KRS 164.321 to modify the board of regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) by October 1, 2026. The board will consist of seventeen members, 14 of whom will be appointed by the Governor and three members shall be elected. The measure establishes terms for the board members and allows a process for the Governor to remove all appointed members under certain circumstances.

The measure amends KRS 164.580 to define the duties of the president of the KCTCS. The measure requires the president to be responsible for the oversight and management of the system. This includes supervision of all administrative and managerial aspects of the system, oversight of the facilities plans, establishment of partnerships with outside entities, and approval and discontinuance of academic programs.

The measure establishes a new section of KRS Chapter 164. The measure requires the KCTCS to employ a chief financial officer (CFO). The CFO will be responsible for the development, administration, and oversight of the system’s operating and capital budgets. The measure requires the CFO to report to the president and the board of regents. The measure requires the CFO to certify the accuracy of financial reports and to immediately disclose any material

misstatements or concerns to the president and the board of regents. The measure requires the president of the KCTCS to employ a workforce liaison. The workforce liaison shall provide guidance to the president regarding ways to remain responsive to local labor markets, maintain employer relationships, and support students/graduates in the workforce. The workforce liaison is required to work with the Cabinet for Economic Development to ensure the system is ready to provide workforce training and represent the college in discussions and planning in regards to policy discussions.

The measure amends KRS 164.583 to establish a process for new accredited programs or workforce initiatives that require additional General Fund at the KCTCS. The KCTCS shall submit a proposal to the Council on Postsecondary Education for evaluation prior to legislative approval.

The measure amends KRS 164.591 to establish procedures governing any reduction, expansion, or creation of college or campus facilities. The measure requires proposals for new accredited programs or workforce initiatives involving facilities changes to receive review by the Council and approval by the General Assembly if additional funding is required. The measure requires a comprehensive report on the system's properties and facilities to the LRC.

The measure amends KRS 164.600 to replace the board of directors at each college with a chancellor. Each chancellor shall be responsible for the daily operations of their college. The chancellor shall be responsible for creating an annual budget request and operations plan for their college and submitting it to the KCTCS president. The measure removes language establishing board of directors at each college.

The measure amends KRS 164.011 to amend the composition of the Council on Postsecondary Education to include the student body member of the KCTCS board of regents. The measure amends the Council's terms.

The measure amends KRS 164.0211 to amend the composition of the Board of Student Body Presidents to include the student body member of the KCTCS board of regents.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The measure will have a fiscal impact, but KCTCS will absorb the costs of implementation internally. While the statutory requirements to appoint a CFO and a workforce liaison represent new administrative expenditures, KCTCS anticipates meeting these obligations through existing resources.

DATA SOURCE(S): KCTCS, LRC Staff

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