

1 AN ACT relating to the State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.648 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education is hereby created
5 and attached to the Kentucky Department of Education. The council's purpose is to
6 make recommendations regarding the provisions of services for gifted and talented
7 students in Kentucky's education system.

8 (a) The council shall be composed of nineteen (19) voting members~~[who shall~~
9 ~~be]~~ appointed by the Governor, **one (1) voting member appointed by the**
10 **Kentucky Association for Gifted Education,** and three (3) nonvoting, ex
11 officio members. The members **appointed by the Governor shall**
12 **represent**~~[shall be appointed representing]~~ various constituencies as follows:

- 13 1. Four (4) members shall be teachers within local school districts
14 representing elementary, middle, and high school levels with at least one
15 (1) full-time teacher of gifted and talented students and one (1) full-time
16 teacher who teaches in a regular classroom;
- 17 2. Four (4) members shall be parents of students in local school districts,
18 including two (2) parents of students identified as gifted and talented
19 and at least one (1) who serves or has served on a school council;
- 20 3. Three (3) members shall be from postsecondary education institutions,
21 including one (1) from an independent college or university;
- 22 4. One (1) member shall be a superintendent of a local school district;
- 23 5. Two (2) members shall be principals, including one (1) from an
24 elementary or middle school and one (1) from a high school;
- 25 6. Two (2) members shall be coordinators of gifted and talented programs
26 and services in local school districts;
- 27 7. One (1) member shall be a local board of education member;

1 8. One (1) member shall represent the visual and performing arts; and

2 9. One (1) member shall be appointed from the private business sector.

3 (b) The three (3) nonvoting ex officio members shall be: the state consultant for
4 gifted and talented education in the Kentucky Department of Education, a
5 staff person designated by the executive secretary of the Education
6 Professional Standards Board, and a staff person designated by the president
7 of the Council on Postsecondary Education. Vacancies shall be filled by the
8 Governor as they occur in a manner consistent with the provisions for initial
9 appointment.

10 (c) Each board member **appointed by the Governor** shall serve a three (3) year
11 term or until a successor is appointed **and**, ~~except that for initial~~
12 ~~appointments to the board, three (3) of the members shall be appointed to~~
13 ~~serve a one (1) year term, eight (8) of the members shall be appointed to serve~~
14 ~~a two (2) year term, and eight (8) of the members shall be appointed to serve a~~
15 ~~three (3) year term. A member~~ may be reappointed but may not serve more
16 than **(six) (6)**~~[two (2) consecutive]~~ terms. **The member appointed by the**
17 **Kentucky Association for Gifted Education shall serve a three (3) year term**
18 **or until a successor is appointed and may be reappointed for additional**
19 **terms as determined by the board of directors of the association.**

20 (2) The council shall advise the commissioner of education, the Kentucky Board of
21 Education, and the Education Professional Standards Board concerning the
22 development of administrative regulations and education policy regarding gifted
23 and talented students. The commissioner of education and the executive secretary
24 for the Education Professional Standards Board shall submit proposed
25 administrative regulations and educational policies relating to gifted and talented
26 education and other administrative regulations that impact gifted and talented
27 students for review by the advisory council prior to seeking approval of the

- 1 appropriate board.
- 2 (3) As the advisory council considers issues relating to gifted and talented students, it
3 shall seek dialogue with other agencies and organizations, including the Parent
4 Teachers Association, the Governor's Scholars Program, the Governor's School for
5 the Arts, the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Program, the Kentucky
6 Association of School Councils, the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education, the
7 Kentucky School Boards Association, the Kentucky Association of School
8 Administrators, and the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children.
- 9 (4) The advisory council shall annually elect a chair from its membership, establish
10 meeting operational procedures, and meet at least four (4)~~two (2)~~ times annually.
- 11 (5) The Department of Education shall provide staff and administrative support and
12 shall administer the funds appropriated to support the expenses of the council.
- 13 (6) The members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but shall be
14 reimbursed for necessary expenses in the same manner as state employees.