

1 AN ACT relating to chief executive officers of colleges within the Kentucky
2 Community and Technical College System.

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

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 164.350 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The government of each of the state universities and the Kentucky Community and
6 Technical College System is vested in its respective board of regents. Each board of
7 regents, when its members have been appointed and qualified, shall constitute a
8 body corporate, with the usual corporate powers, and with all immunities, rights,
9 privileges, and franchises usually attaching to the governing bodies of educational
10 institutions. Each board may:

11 (a) Receive grants of money and expend the same for the use and benefit of the
12 university or college;

13 (b) Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations for the government of its members,
14 officers, agents, and employees, and enforce obedience to such rules;

15 (c) Require such reports from the president, officers, faculty, and employees as it
16 deems necessary and proper from time to time;

17 (d) Determine the number of divisions, departments, bureaus, offices, and
18 agencies needed for the successful conduct of the affairs of the university or
19 college; and

20 (e) Grant diplomas and confer degrees upon the recommendation of the president
21 and faculty.

22 (2) Each board of regents shall periodically evaluate the institution's progress in
23 implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda.
24 Officers and officials shall be held accountable for the status of the institution's
25 progress.

26 (3) In addition to the duties required in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the board
27 of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, upon

1 recommendation of the president of the system, shall:

- 2 (a) Develop and implement guidelines for the preparation of biennial budget
3 requests by the administrators of the colleges within the system. The
4 guidelines shall define the processes for review and approval by the boards of
5 directors for the colleges;
- 6 (b) Adopt a biennial budget request for the Kentucky Community and Technical
7 College System upon the recommendation of the president of the system;
- 8 (c) Adopt an allocation process for distributing funds to the colleges within the
9 system;
- 10 (d) Consider recommendations from the boards of directors of the colleges to
11 improve the overall budget planning and allocation processes;
- 12 (e) Designate each college with a name;
- 13 (f) Encourage and accept donations of land and funds to be used in the
14 acquisition, construction, or operations of colleges in the system. The board
15 may commemorate donations from private persons or corporations with
16 suitable memorials; and
- 17 (g) Accept federal grants when deemed appropriate to be used in the acquisition,
18 construction, or operations of colleges in the system.

19 The board of regents shall ensure~~assure~~ that the budget planning and
20 implementation processes are consistent with the adopted strategic agenda and
21 biennial budget and with the missions of the institutions within the system.

22 **(4) In addition to the duties required in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the**
23 **board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System**
24 **shall develop an evaluation process to be used to evaluate a college's chief**
25 **executive officer, as defined in Section 2 of this Act. The board shall:**

26 **(a) Identify standards and minimum performance criteria to be met by the**
27 **college's chief executive officer;**

1 (b) Allow the inclusion of additional standards and performance criteria
 2 developed by the local board of directors to ensure implementation of the
 3 institution's mission, goals, and objectives; and

4 (c) Establish a procedure to allow a chief executive officer to appeal his or her
 5 evaluation.

6 ➔Section 2. KRS 164.600 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

8 (a) "Chief executive officer" means a president or the head administrator of a
 9 college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;

10 (b) "College" means a community college, a technical college, or a community
 11 and technical college within the system;

12 (c) "President" means the chief executive officer of the system;

13 (d) "Relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter,
 14 aunt, uncle, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law; and

15 (e) "System" means the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

16 (2) There shall be a board of directors for each community college or community and
 17 technical college under the Kentucky Community and Technical College System,
 18 except as provided in KRS 165.160. The board of regents may designate that a local
 19 board of directors serve more than one (1) college. Each board of directors shall:

20 (a) Select, by majority vote,~~Recommend~~ one (1) candidate for college chief
 21 executive officer from three (3) candidates provided by and acceptable to the
 22 president. The president shall supply names of any additional candidates if
 23 requested by the board of directors. The president shall~~have the authority to~~
 24 ~~make the final appointment and shall not~~ be bound by the selection of
 25 ~~recommendation from~~ the board of directors;

26 (b) 1. Evaluate the college chief executive officer annually, using evaluation
 27 forms developed by the board of directors incorporating the standards

1 and performance criteria identified pursuant to subsection (4) of
2 Section 1 of this Act, and inform~~[advise]~~ the president of his or her
3 performance. The local board of directors, by majority vote,~~[president]~~
4 has final authority for the appointment, contract term, contract renewal,
5 and termination of the college chief executive officer.~~[;]~~

6 2. Any preliminary discussions related to the evaluation of the chief
7 executive officer by the local board of directors or between the local
8 board of directors and the chief executive officer prior to the final
9 evaluation may be conducted in closed session.

10 3. The final evaluation shall be in writing, on forms agreed upon by the
11 board of regents and the local board of directors, and shall be
12 discussed and approved in an open meeting of the local board, as
13 reflected in the minutes. A copy shall be given to the chief executive
14 officer and made available to the public upon request.

15 4. a. The local board of directors shall forward a copy of the final
16 written evaluation to the board of regents, with an order to renew
17 or terminate the contract of the chief executive officer of the
18 institution, based upon the results of the evaluation.

19 b. A chief executive officer who believes that the local board of
20 directors failed to properly implement the evaluation process
21 may submit an appeal to the board of regents, following the
22 process established under subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act,
23 within one (1) month of receiving the final evaluation. An appeal
24 shall not involve requests for the review of the judgmental
25 conclusions of the evaluation.

26 c. The board of regents shall follow the procedures established to
27 hear an appeal under subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

1 *d. A decision by the board of regents that the evaluation completed*
2 *by the local board of directors was in noncompliance with the*
3 *evaluation process shall render the evaluation void, and the chief*
4 *executive officer shall have the right to be reevaluated; otherwise*
5 *the evaluation and order of the local board of directors shall*
6 *stand;*

- 7 (c) Approve budget requests for recommendation to the Kentucky Community
8 and Technical College System;
- 9 (d) Adopt and amend an annual operating budget and submit it to the board of
10 regents for approval as to the compliance with its guidelines; *and*
- 11 (e) Approve a strategic plan that is developed in coordination with local
12 employers, civic leaders, campus constituents, and other postsecondary
13 institutions in the region and that is consistent with the strategic agenda of the
14 General Assembly.
- 15 (3) The chief executive officer of each college shall have full authority and discretion
16 regarding the use and management of the budget approved by the board of regents
17 for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System under KRS 164.350.
- 18 (4) Each board of directors shall consist of ten (10) members, seven (7) of whom shall
19 be appointed by the Governor from nominees of the respective college nominating
20 commission established under KRS 164.602 for a term set by law pursuant to
21 Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky. The other three (3) board members
22 shall be one (1) member of the teaching faculty, one (1) member of the staff, and
23 one (1) member of the student body. An appointed member's term shall be six (6)
24 years.
- 25 (5) The faculty member shall be on the teaching or research faculty of the college. The
26 faculty member shall be elected by secret ballot of all full-time faculty members of
27 the college. Faculty members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and until their

1 successors are elected and qualified. Faculty members shall be eligible for
2 reelection, but they shall be ineligible to continue to serve as members of the boards
3 if they cease to be members of the teaching staff of the college. Elections to fill
4 vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for
5 original election.

6 (6) The staff member shall be a classified or midmanagement employee who does not
7 hold faculty rank and who does not hold an upper administrative position. The staff
8 member shall be elected by secret ballot of all full-time staff members of the
9 college. Staff members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and until their
10 successors are elected and qualified. Staff members shall be eligible for reelection,
11 but shall be ineligible to continue to serve as members of the boards if they cease to
12 be members of the staff of the college. An election to fill a vacancy for an unexpired
13 term shall be held in the same manner as an election to an original full term.

14 (7) The student member shall be elected by secret ballot from the student body of the
15 college to serve a term of one (1) year. The student member shall be a full-time
16 student who maintains permanent residency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

17 (8) If a board of directors is designated by the board of regents to serve more than one
18 (1) college as permitted under subsection (2) of this section, the board of regents
19 shall define procedures for the selection of the faculty, staff, and student
20 representatives to the board of directors to ensure that there is opportunity for all
21 colleges to be represented.

22 (9) The members of the board of directors shall receive no compensation for their
23 services but shall be paid for their actual and necessary expenses.

24 (10) No citizen member of the board of directors shall have a conflict of interest in
25 accordance with KRS 45A.340 or be a relative of any employee of the college under
26 its jurisdiction. A person who is a member of the board on July 15, 1998, who is a
27 relative of an employee of the college may finish out the appointed term of office

1 but the member may not be reappointed.