

158.442 Center for School Safety -- Duties -- Members of board.

- (1) The General Assembly hereby authorizes the establishment of the Center for School Safety. The center's mission shall be to serve as the central point for data analysis; research; dissemination of information about successful school safety programs, research results, and new programs; and, in collaboration with the Department of Education and others, to provide technical assistance for safe schools.
- (2) To fulfill its mission, the Center for School Safety shall:
 - (a) Establish a clearinghouse for information and materials concerning school violence prevention;
 - (b) Provide program development and implementation expertise and technical support to schools, law enforcement agencies, and communities, which may include coordinating training for administrators, teachers, students, parents, and other community representatives;
 - (c) Analyze the data collected in compliance with KRS 158.444;
 - (d) Research and evaluate school safety programs so schools and communities are better able to address their specific needs;
 - (e) Administer a school safety grant program for local districts as directed by the General Assembly;
 - (f) Promote the formation of interagency efforts to address discipline and safety issues within communities throughout the state in collaboration with other postsecondary education institutions and with local juvenile delinquency prevention councils;
 - (g) Prepare and disseminate information regarding best practices in creating safe and effective schools;
 - (h) Advise the Kentucky Board of Education on administrative policies and administrative regulations; and
 - (i) Provide an annual report by July 1 of each year to the Governor, the Kentucky Board of Education, and the Interim Joint Committee on Education regarding the status of school safety in Kentucky.
- (3) The Center for School Safety shall be governed by a board of directors appointed by the Governor. Members shall consist of:
 - (a) The commissioner or a designee of the Department of Education;
 - (b) The commissioner or a designee of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
 - (c) The commissioner or a designee of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services;
 - (d) The commissioner or a designee of the Department for Community Based Services;
 - (e) The secretary or a designee of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;
 - (f) A juvenile court judge;
 - (g) A local school district board of education member;

- (h) A local school administrator;
- (i) A school council parent representative;
- (j) A teacher;
- (k) A classified school employee; and
- (l) A superintendent of schools who is a member of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

In appointing the board of education member, the school administrator, the school superintendent, the school council parent member, the teacher, and the classified employee, the Governor shall solicit recommendations from the following groups respectively: the Kentucky School Boards Association, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Kentucky Association of School Councils, the Kentucky Education Association, and the Kentucky Education Support Personnel Association. The initial board shall be appointed by July 15, 1998. The board shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the appointment of the members.

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