

1 AN ACT relating to the State Interagency Council for Services to Children.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 200.505 is amended to read as follows:

4 There is hereby created a State Interagency Council for Services to Children. The
5 **chair**~~[chairperson]~~ of the council shall be designated by the Governor and shall establish
6 procedures for the council's internal procedures.

7 (1) This council shall be composed of the following:

8 (a) Members who shall serve by virtue of their positions: the commissioner of the
9 Department of Education, the commissioner of the Department for Behavioral
10 Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, the commissioner of the
11 Department for Community Based Services, the commissioner of the
12 Department for Public Health, the commissioner of the Department for
13 Medicaid Services, the commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice,
14 the director of the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers,
15 the executive director of the Commission for Children with Special Health
16 Care Needs, and the general manager of the Division of Juvenile Services of
17 the Administrative Offices of the Courts, or their designees;

18 (b) The Governor shall appoint one (1) parent of a child with a behavioral health
19 need, who is a consumer of state-funded services for children with a
20 behavioral health need to serve as a member of the council, and one (1) parent
21 who meets the same criteria to serve as the parent member's alternate to serve
22 in the absence of the parent member. For each appointment to be made, the
23 State Family Advisory Council shall submit to the Governor a list of two (2)
24 names of parents who are qualified for appointment from which list the
25 Governor shall make the appointment. Appointees shall serve a term of four
26 (4) years. If the child of the parent member or alternate parent member ceases
27 to be a consumer of state-funded services for children with a behavioral health

1 need during the term of appointment, the member shall be eligible to serve out
2 the remainder of the term of appointment. The alternate parent member may
3 attend and participate in all council meetings but shall vote only in the
4 absence of the parent member. The parent member and alternate parent
5 member shall receive no compensation in addition to that which they may
6 already receive as service providers or state employees, but the parent member
7 and alternate parent member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred
8 through the performance of their duties as council members;

- 9 (c) The *chair*~~[chairperson]~~ of the council shall appoint one (1) youth between the
10 ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-five (25), who has a mental health disorder
11 or co-occurring disorder and is or has been a consumer of state-funded
12 services for children with a behavioral health need, to serve as a member of
13 the council, and one (1) youth who meets the same criteria to serve as the
14 youth member's alternate in the absence of the youth member. For each
15 appointment to be made, the Statewide Youth Council of the Kentucky
16 Partnership for Families and Children shall submit to the *chair*~~[chairperson]~~ a
17 list of four (4) names of youth who are qualified for appointment, from which
18 list the *chair*~~[chairperson]~~ shall make the appointment. Appointees shall serve
19 a term of two (2) years, and the youth member and the youth member's
20 alternate shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of their term of
21 appointment regardless of age. The alternate youth member may attend and
22 participate in all council meetings but shall vote only in the absence of the
23 youth member. The youth member and alternate youth member shall receive
24 no compensation in addition to that which they may already receive as service
25 providers or state employees, but the youth member and alternate youth
26 member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the performance of
27 their duties as council members; and

- 1 (d) At the end of a term, a member shall continue to serve until a successor is
2 appointed.
- 3 (2) The State Interagency Council for Services to Children shall:
- 4 (a) Consider issues and make recommendations annually to the Governor and the
5 Legislative Research Commission regarding the provision of services for
6 children with an emotional disability;
- 7 (b) Direct each regional interagency council to:
- 8 1. Coordinate services to children with an emotional disability and identify
9 factors contributing to a lack of coordination; and
- 10 2. Participate in family accountability, intervention, and response teams
11 established pursuant to KRS 605.035;
- 12 (c) Develop a form to be signed by the parent or other legal guardian of a child
13 referred for services to any interagency council for children with a behavioral
14 health need. The form shall enable the agencies involved with the child to
15 share information about the child as necessary to identify and provide services
16 for the child;
- 17 (d) Review service and treatment plans for children for whom reviews are
18 requested, and provide any advice and assistance that the state council
19 determines to be necessary to meet the needs of children with a behavioral
20 health need referred by regional councils;
- 21 (e) Assess the effectiveness of regional councils in meeting the service needs of
22 children with a behavioral health need;
- 23 (f) Establish a uniform grievance procedure for the state, to be implemented by
24 each regional interagency council. Appeals may be initiated by the child,
25 parent, guardian, person exercising custodial control or supervision, or other
26 authorized representative about matters relating to the interagency service plan
27 for the child or the denial of services by the regional interagency council.

- 1 Upon appeal, an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with
2 KRS Chapter 13B;
- 3 (g) Meet at least monthly and maintain records of meetings, except that records
4 that identify individual children shall only be disclosed as provided by law;
- 5 (h) Adopt interagency agreements as necessary for coordinating services to
6 children with a behavioral health need by the agencies represented in the state
7 council;
- 8 (i) Develop services to meet the needs of children with a behavioral health need;
9 and
- 10 (j) Promote services to prevent the behavioral health need of a child.
- 11 (3) The State Interagency Council for Services to Children may promulgate
12 administrative regulations necessary to comply with the requirements of KRS
13 200.501 to 200.509.