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1 AN ACT relating to military affairs.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.12-203 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is created the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs. The commission
5 shall be a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of
6 KRS Chapter 12.

7 (2) It shall be the purpose of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs to:

8 (a) Address matters of military significance to Kentucky;

9 (b) Maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies
10 and the military entities in Kentucky, as necessary to ensure coordination and
11 implementation of unified, comprehensive, statewide strategies involved with,
12 or affected by, the military;

13 (c) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Kentucky congressional
14 delegation, and other appropriate government officials on all matters in which
15 the military services and the Commonwealth have mutual interests, needs, and
16 concerns;

17 (d) Take action to promote and optimize state and Department of Defense
18 initiatives that will improve the military value of Kentucky's National Guard,
19 active, and reserve military force structure and installations, and improve the
20 quality of life for military personnel residing in the Commonwealth;

21 (e) Coordinate, as necessary, the state's interest in future Department of Defense
22 base closure and restructuring activities;

23 (f) Recommend state, federal, and local economic development projects which
24 would promote, foster, and support economic progress through military
25 presence in the Commonwealth;

26 (g) Promote and assist the private sector in developing spin-off investments,
27 employment, and educational opportunities associated with high-technology

1 programs and activities at Kentucky's military installations;
2 (h) Recommend to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership the long-
3 range options and potential for the defense facilities located in Kentucky;
4 (i) Develop strategies to encourage military personnel to retire and relocate in
5 Kentucky and promote those leaving the military as a viable quality workforce
6 for economic development and industrial recruitment; and
7 (j) Allocate available grant money to qualified applicants to further the purposes
8 of paragraphs (a) to (i) of this subsection.
9 (3) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall consist of:
10 (a) The Governor or a designated representative;
11 (b) The secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development or a designated
12 representative;
13 (c) The adjutant general of the Commonwealth or a designated representative;
14 (d) The executive director of the Office of Homeland Security or a designated
15 representative;
16 (e) The secretaries of the following cabinets or their designees:
17 1. Finance and Administration;
18 2. Justice and Public Safety;
19 3. Energy and Environment;
20 4. Transportation;
21 5. Education and Workforce Development;
22 6. Health and Family Services;
23 7. Personnel;
24 8. Labor;
25 9. Public Protection; and
26 10. Tourism, Arts and Heritage;
27 (f) The Attorney General or a designated representative;

1 (g) The commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or a designated
2 representative;
3 (h) The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs or a
4 designated representative;
5 (i) Kentucky's Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the United States Army;
6 (j) Two (2) members of the Kentucky General Assembly, with experience in or
7 an interest in military and defense-related issues, one (1) member to be
8 appointed by the President of the Senate, and one (1) member to be appointed
9 by the Speaker of the House;
10 ***(k) The Chief Justice or a designated representative;***
11 ***(l)***[~~(k)~~] The commander or the designee of the commander of each of the
12 following as nonvoting, ex officio members:
13 ***1. US Army Cadet Command;***
14 ***2. US Army Human Resources Command;***
15 ***3. US Army Recruiting Command;***
16 ***4. 84th Training Command;***
17 ***5. One Hundredth Division (Institutional Training);***
18 ***6. 101st Airborne Division;***
19 ***7. Blue Grass Army Depot;***
20 ***8. Fort Campbell Garrison;***
21 ***9. Fort Knox Garrison;***
22 ***10. US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District;***
23 ***11. US Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District;***
24 ***12. Adjutant General of the US Army; and***
25 ***(m)***[~~1. Fort Campbell;~~
26 ~~2. Fort Knox;~~
27 ~~3. United States Army Accessions Command;~~

1 ~~4. Bluegrass Army Depot;~~
2 ~~5. Louisville District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers;~~
3 ~~6. The One Hundredth Training Division; and~~
4 ~~7. Any other installation or organization with a major military mission in the~~
5 ~~Commonwealth;~~
6 ~~(l)~~] Five (5) at-large members appointed by the Governor, who shall be residents
7 of counties significantly impacted by military installations[~~; and~~
8 ~~(m) The Chief Justice or a designated representative~~].
9 (4) The terms of the five (5) at-large members shall be staggered so that two (2)
10 appointments shall expire at two (2) years, one (1) appointment shall expire at three
11 (3) years, and two (2) appointments shall expire at four (4) years, from the dates of
12 initial appointment.
13 (5) (a) The commission shall establish an executive committee consisting of the
14 secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, the adjutant general of
15 the Commonwealth, the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs,
16 the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, and
17 the five (5) at-large members. The chair and vice chair of the Kentucky
18 Commission on Military Affairs shall be appointed by the Governor from
19 among the members of the executive committee.
20 (b) The chair and vice chair of the commission shall also serve as chair and vice
21 chair of the executive committee.
22 (c) The executive committee shall serve as the search committee for an executive
23 director of the commission and shall have any other authority the commission
24 delegates to it.
25 (6) The commission shall meet two (2) times each year, and may meet at other times on
26 call of the chair, to establish the commission's goals and to review issues identified
27 and recommendations made by the executive committee. A majority of the

1 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the commission's business.
2 Members' designees shall have voting privileges at commission meetings.
3 (7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be
4 reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the discharge of
5 their duties on the commission, subject to Finance and Administration Cabinet
6 administrative regulations.
7 (8) The commission may establish committees or work groups composed of
8 commission members and citizens as necessary to advise the commission in
9 carrying out its responsibilities, duties, and powers. Citizen members of committees
10 or work groups shall not have a vote.
11 (9) The commission may promulgate necessary administrative regulations as prescribed
12 by KRS Chapter 13A.
13 (10) The commission may adopt bylaws and operating policies necessary for its efficient
14 and effective operation.
15 (11) There shall be an executive director, who shall be the administrative head and chief
16 executive officer of the commission, recommended by the executive committee,
17 approved by the commission, and appointed by the Governor. The executive
18 director shall have authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend funds, and
19 operate the normal business activities of the commission.
20 (12) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs and its executive committee shall be
21 an independent agency attached to the Office of the Governor.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 4/8/14