

1 AN ACT relating to the Farms to Food Banks Advisory Committee.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 247.984 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The ***Farms to Food Banks***~~[Surplus—Agricultural—Commodities]~~ Advisory
5 Committee is hereby created for the purpose of advising the department concerning
6 the implementation and administration of the program established under KRS
7 247.980 to 247.986. The committee shall be composed of no fewer than ten (10) but
8 no more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Commissioner. Membership on
9 the committee shall include:
- 10 (a) Food and nutrition advocates;
 - 11 (b) Regional food bank representatives;
 - 12 (c) Local government representatives;
 - 13 (d) Representatives of the department and Governor's Office;
 - 14 (e) Agricultural commodity producers;
 - 15 (f) Representatives of farm advocacy groups;
 - 16 (g) Representatives of Kentucky public or private colleges and universities; and
 - 17 (h) At-large members designated by the Commissioner.
- 18 (2) The advisory committee shall elect a chairperson during the first organizational
19 meeting.
- 20 (3) The committee shall:
- 21 (a) Advise the department concerning the implementation and administration of
22 KRS 247.980 to 247.986;
 - 23 (b) Make recommendations to the department regarding the content of
24 administrative regulations promulgated by the department in accordance with
25 KRS 247.980 to 247.986;
 - 26 (c) Advise the department on administration of the fund created pursuant to KRS
27 247.985 by developing a written plan for the expenditure of funds. ***The***

1 *committee shall meet at least one (1) time a year to review the plan and*
 2 *prepare the annual report.* ~~[The initial plan shall be completed on or before~~
 3 ~~October 1, 2013, and shall be reviewed and updated if needed on an annual~~
 4 ~~basis on or before October 1 of each year thereafter.]~~ The plan shall, at a
 5 minimum, include the following:

- 6 1. A summary of existing food banks in Kentucky;
- 7 2. An evaluation of the needs of the hungry in Kentucky, including the
 8 population of areas served by food banks, the percent of the population
 9 that is at or below the federal poverty level, an estimate of the number of
 10 school children who receive free or reduced-price meals, and other
 11 criteria that can measure need; and

12 3. A proposal for distributing funds to areas of recognized need; and

13 (d) Provide to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission an annual
 14 report by October 1 of each year. The initial report shall include the plan
 15 developed under paragraph (c) of this subsection for the expenditure of funds.
 16 The initial and future reports shall include details of the amounts and
 17 recipients of funds distributed.

18 (4) Appointed committee members may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary
 19 expenses incurred while engaged in carrying out the official duties of the
 20 committee.

21 (5) The committee shall be attached to the Department of Agriculture for administrative
 22 purposes.

23 ➔Section 2. KRS 247.985 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The farms to food banks trust fund is hereby created in the State Treasury as a
 25 restricted account to be administered by the department with advice from the *Farms*
 26 *to Food Banks* ~~[Surplus Agricultural Commodities]~~ Advisory Committee
 27 established by KRS 247.984, for the purposes provided in this section.

- 1 (2) The fund shall receive amounts collected from the income tax checkoff created in
2 KRS 141.448, and any other proceeds from grants, contributions, appropriations, or
3 other moneys made available for the purposes of this fund.
- 4 (3) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys accruing to this fund in any fiscal year,
5 including state appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, interest, and any other
6 funds both public and private, shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next
7 fiscal year.
- 8 (4) Moneys received in the fund shall only be used for awarding grants to eligible
9 nonprofit organizations pursuant to KRS 247.980 to 247.986.