

1 AN ACT relating to the establishment of a pediatric advisory council.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER KRS 210 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Advisory council" means the pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric*
7 *syndrome advisory council;*

8 *(b) "PANS" means pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; and*

9 *(c) "PANDAS" means pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders*
10 *associated with streptococcal infections.*

11 *(2) The advisory council is hereby established in the Cabinet for Health and Family*
12 *Services and shall be attached to and administered by the cabinet.*

13 *(3) The Governor shall appoint the members of the advisory council to serve two (2)*
14 *year terms. A member may be reappointed to serve an additional term of two (2)*
15 *years after the completion of those terms. Members may be reappointed until the*
16 *advisory council ceases to exist. The advisory council shall consist of the*
17 *following voting members and ex officio nonvoting members:*

18 *(a) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, who*
19 *shall be an ex officio nonvoting member;*

20 *(b) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker*
21 *of the House, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member;*

22 *(c) The executive director of the PANDAS Network or his or her designee;*

23 *(d) Three (3) parents or legal guardians of a child who has been diagnosed*
24 *with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the Governor from a list of five*
25 *(5) individuals provided by the Southeastern PANS/PANDAS Association,*
26 *who shall be ex officio nonvoting members;*

27 *(e) The secretary of the cabinet or his or her designee;*

- 1 (f) The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental
2 and Intellectual Disabilities or his or her designee;
- 3 (g) The commissioner of the Office for Children with Special Health Care
4 Needs or his or her designee;
- 5 (h) The commissioner of the Department for Public Health or his or her
6 designee;
- 7 (i) The commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services or his or her
8 designee;
- 9 (j) The commissioner of the Department of Insurance or his or her designee;
- 10 (k) One (1) representative to be appointed by the Governor from a list of three
11 (3) individuals provided by the Kentucky Hospital Association;
- 12 (l) One (1) pediatric psychologist who has interest, research, or experience
13 working with children who have been diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to
14 be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by
15 the Kentucky Psychological Association;
- 16 (m) One (1) pediatrician who has interest, research, or experience working with
17 children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the
18 Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Kentucky
19 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
- 20 (n) One (1) pediatric psychiatrist who has interest, research, or experience
21 working with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed
22 by the Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the
23 Kentucky Psychiatric Medical Association;
- 24 (o) One (1) pediatric neurologist who has interest, research, or experience
25 working with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed
26 by the Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the
27 Commonwealth Neurological Society;

- 1 (p) One (1) family physician who has interest, research, or experience working
2 with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the
3 Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Kentucky
4 Academy of Family Physicians;
- 5 (q) One (1) representative with interest, research, or experience working with
6 children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the
7 Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by any state research
8 university in Kentucky;
- 9 (r) One (1) physician assistant who has interest, research, or experience
10 working with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed
11 by the Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the
12 Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants
- 13 (s) One (1) nurse practitioner who has interest, research, or experience
14 working with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed
15 by the Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the
16 Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse-Midwives;
- 17 (t) One (1) counselor who has interest, research, or experience working with
18 children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the
19 Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Kentucky
20 Counseling Association State Branch of the American Counseling
21 Association; and
- 22 (u) One (1) social worker who has interest, research, or experience working
23 with children diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS to be appointed by the
24 Governor from a list of three (3) individuals provided by the Kentucky
25 Board of Social Work.
- 26 (4) Appointed members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be
27 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties in

1 accordance with KRS 45.101 and administrative regulations promulgated
2 thereunder.

3 (5) The advisory council shall:

4 (a) Study the benefits of improved awareness of PANS and PANDAS among
5 parents, educators, and health providers and early diagnosis of PANS and
6 PANDAS among health care providers;

7 (b) Examine comprehensive medical and behavioral health services for those
8 suffering from PANS or PANDAS that have been demonstrated to have a
9 positive impact on medical outcomes and have reduced burdens on patients,
10 families, providers, and society;

11 (c) Collaborate and coordinate on data research projects with relevant agencies
12 to identify diagnostic guidelines and treatment options for children
13 diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS;

14 (d) Make recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory changes as
15 appropriate; and

16 (e) Raise awareness of PANS and PANDAS to appropriate entities.

17 (6) The advisory council shall submit its findings to the Interim Joint Committee on
18 Health, Welfare, and Family services at least annually.

19 (7) (a) Members of the advisory council shall elect a chair and a vice chair whose
20 duties shall be established by the advisory council.

21 (b) The time and place for regularly scheduled meetings shall be established by
22 a majority vote of the advisory council, but there shall be at least one (1)
23 meeting quarterly.

24 (8) The advisory council shall cease to exist on December 1, 2030, unless otherwise
25 reestablished by the General Assembly.