

1 AN ACT relating to professional development.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Department of Education may enter into an agreement with any*
6 *building and construction trade organization to develop a training program for*
7 *school counselors providing services to students in the Commonwealth. The*
8 *purpose of the training program shall be to promote building and construction*
9 *trades and training facilities available to students by making school counselors*
10 *aware of what is available to students participating in the building and*
11 *construction trade. The training program shall include information relating to:*

12 *(a) The pay and benefits available to people who work in the building and*
13 *construction trades; and*

14 *(b) Job opportunities, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, and pathways*
15 *within the building and construction trade industry.*

16 *(2) The participating trade organization shall ensure ample opportunities for school*
17 *counselors that serve grades seven (7) through twelve (12) to complete the*
18 *training created under subsection (1) of this section annually and shall bear all*
19 *costs associated with the training. The participating trade organization may*
20 *choose to offer professional development opportunities to teachers who serve*
21 *students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12), if resources are available for*
22 *this purpose.*

23 *(3) The department shall include the training program created in this section on the*
24 *electronic consumer bulletin board created pursuant to KRS 156.095(9) if*
25 *requested by the training program.*

26 *(4) A school counselor serving students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) may*
27 *complete four (4) hours of training developed under this section which shall*

1 count towards the twenty-one (21) hours required annually pursuant to KRS
2 156.101(4)(b)2.
3 (5) Local boards of education or school-based decision making councils may
4 incorporate this training as part of the four (4) days of professional development
5 required pursuant to KRS 158.070(3)(a) for teachers who serve students in grades
6 seven (7) through twelve (12) if offered by the participating trade organization.