

**7B.060 Purpose of center -- Statewide scanning program -- Biennial trends report -- Other duties.**

- (1) The purpose of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center is to serve as a catalyst to change the way decisions are made in government by providing decision-makers a broader context in which to make decisions, taking into consideration the long-term implications of policy, critical trends, and emerging issues which may have a significant impact on the state.
- (2) At the direction of the board, the center shall:
  - (a) Establish a statewide scanning program to review information sources and identify emerging issues for the Commonwealth, and regularly provide the program's findings to the legislative and executive branches;
  - (b)
    1. Prepare biennially a report on trends in the Commonwealth and the long-term implications of those trends;
    2. As part of the report, sponsor a public forum to review the findings of the trends report and obtain reactions from executive branch agencies, legislative committees, private sector representatives, and the public;
    3. Include in the report a record of the trends, long-term implications, and reactions, to be completed by December 31 of even-numbered years and presented to the General Assembly, to the Governor, and to the public; and
    4. The biennial trends report shall be given affirmative consideration by the agencies and branches of state government when those agencies and branches are determining budget priorities;
  - (c) Identify long-term issues significant to the Commonwealth by using a methodology involving a broad spectrum of citizens and establish annual work plans focusing on the priority issues approved by the board. Studies shall include the potential long-term effects of current trends and policies and shall identify future policy options;
  - (d) Periodically prepare a report on alternative futures facing the Commonwealth for a five (5) or ten (10) year period, or for a period deemed appropriate by the board;
  - (e) Advise the General Assembly and the Governor of potential long-term effects of government policies;
  - (f) Develop an information process to inform the public continually on long-term issues, critical trends, and alternative futures;
  - (g) Develop a database for trend identification.

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