11.200 Commission on Small Business Advocacy -- Purpose -- Membership -- Meetings -- Chief executive officer.

(1) There is created the Commission on Small Business Advocacy. The commission shall be a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of KRS 12.010(8).

(2) It shall be the purpose of the Commission on Small Business Advocacy to:

(a) Address matters of small business as it relates to government affairs;

(b) Promote a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies and the small business community to ensure coordination and implementation of statewide strategies that benefit small business in the Commonwealth;

(c) Coordinate and educate the small business community of federal, state, and local government initiatives of value and importance to the small business community;

(d) Create a process by which the small business community is consulted in the development of public policy as it affects their industry sector;

(e) Aid the small business community in navigating the regulatory process, when that process becomes cumbersome, time consuming, and bewildering to the small business community; and

(f) Advocate for the small business, as necessary when regulatory implementation is overly burdensome, costly, and harmful to the success and growth of small businesses in the Commonwealth.

(3) The Commission on Small Business Advocacy shall consist of thirteen (13) members:

(a) Two (2) members representing each congressional district; and

(b) One (1) at-large member.

(4) All members shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four (4) years, except that the original appointments shall be staggered so that three (3) appointments shall expire at one (1) year, three (3) appointments shall expire at two (2) years, and three (3) appointments shall expire at three (3)years, and four (4) appointments shall expire at four (4) years from the dates of initial appointment.

(5) The Governor shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the commission from the appointed membership.

(6) The commission shall meet quarterly and at other times upon call of the chair or a majority of the commission.

(7) A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the commission.

(8) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their duties on the commission, subject to Finance and Administration Cabinet administrative regulations.

(9) The commissioner of the Department for Business Development shall be the administrative head and chief executive officer of the commission. The secretary of

the Cabinet for Economic Development shall have authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend funds, and operate the normal business activities of the commission.

(10) The Commission on Small Business Advocacy shall be administratively attached to the Office of Entrepreneurship within the Department for Business Development.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (1/1/2015). This statute was amended by 2014 Ky. Acts chs. 89 and 92. Acts ch. 92 was passed last by the General Assembly and, ordinarily, any provisions in ch. 92 which conflict with provisions in ch. 89, the earlier-passed bill, would prevail under the authority of KRS 446.250. However, new language added in ch. 92 has not been incorporated into KRS 11.200 because to make such change would make the section unintelligible. KRS 7.136(3) provides that if a statute is amended by more than one act in the same session of the General Assembly, that the change shall be given effect and incorporated only if the change will make the section intelligible.