

STATUTORY BACKGROUND FOR 2016-2022 KCTCS STRATEGIC PLAN

Kentucky Postsecondary Improvement Act of 1997 – House Bill 1 (HB1)

HB1 GOALS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

An efficient, responsive, and coordinated system of providers that delivers educational services to all adult citizens in quantities and of a quality that is comparable to the national average or above, and that

- provides businesses and industries with the competitive edge critical to their success in the global economy;
- achieves a standard of living in excess of the national average;
- increases educational attainment at all levels;
- enhances economic development and quality of life; and
- with single points of accountability that ensure the coordination of programs and efficient use of resources.

HB 1 MISSION ASSIGNED TO KCTCS

A comprehensive community and technical college system with a mission that assures, in conjunction with other postsecondary institutions, access throughout the Commonwealth to a two (2) year course of general studies designed for transfer to a baccalaureate program, the training necessary to develop a workforce with the skills to meet the needs of new and existing industries, and remedial and continuing education to improve the employability of citizens; and standard of living and quality of life that meets or exceeds the national average.

HB1 MANDATES TO KCTCS

(1) The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is established. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall provide:

- A general two (2) year academic curriculum with credits transferable to two (2) year and four (4) year colleges and universities;
- Technical and semiprofessional programs of two (2) years or less;
- Within a two (2) year college curriculum, courses in general education, including adult education, not necessarily intended for transfer nor technically oriented; and
- Services to Kentucky's employers and the general public to provide continuing education and customized training for purposes of improving the knowledge and skills of Kentucky workers and citizens in all regions of the state.

(2) The Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be responsive to the needs of students and employers in all regions of the Commonwealth with accessible education and training to support the lifelong learning needs of Kentucky citizens in order to:

- Increase the basic academic and literacy skills of adults through adult basic education and remedial education services;

- Increase the technical skills and professional expertise of Kentucky workers through associate and technical degrees, diploma, and certificate programs;
- Increase the access for students to complete the pre-baccalaureate associate degree in arts or associate degree in science for ease of transfer to four (4) year institutions;
- Enhance the relationship of credentials between secondary and postsecondary programs which permit secondary students to enter programs through early admission, advanced placement, or dual enrollment;
- Facilitate transfers of credit between certificate, diploma, technical, and associate degree programs;
- Develop a pool of educated citizens to support the expansion of existing business and industry and the recruitment of new business and industry;
- Enhance the flexibility and adaptability of Kentucky workers in an ever-changing and global economy through continuing education and customized training for business and industry;
- Promote the cultural and economic well-being of the communities throughout Kentucky; and
- Improve the quality of life for Kentucky's citizens.