

## **Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents**

**Action Question:** Should the Board approve the KCTCS SJR 179 response and recommendations?

**Recommendation:** Approve; it is recommended that the KCTCS Board of Regents approve the KCTCS SJR 179 response and recommendations.

**Background:** In April 2024, the Kentucky legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 179 that directs the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to determine and report findings and actions to improve and advance the existing system. SJR 179 requires KCTCS, in collaboration with CPE, to present specific action steps on:

1. Academic programming and training offerings, including the quality of credentials and program relevancy;
2. A comprehensive statewide KCTCS workforce plan which may include financial and academic supports, comprehensive career counseling, and experiential learning elements;
3. The KCTCS geographic footprint, including but not limited to the need for mergers and consolidations;
4. Single system accreditation versus individual college accreditation;
5. Governance reform, including the KCTCS Board of Regents and the 16 college boards of directors;
6. The KCTCS funding model and its adequacy, including state appropriations, existing performance funding, the funding of the system office, and modern outcome-based funding structures;
7. Tuition rates, with a commitment to ensuring affordability and return on investment;
8. The personnel system for KCTCS employees;
9. Effectiveness and affordability of dual credit course offerings;
10. Transferability of associate's degrees to four-year institutions; and
11. Outdated or conflicting statutory language.

The results shall be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 10, 2024.