

**TITLE:** Delegation of Authority to Executive Committee to Approve Regulations for Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Council delegate its authority to the Executive Committee to approve 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships, and 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives, at a special-called meeting to be scheduled later in June 2023.

**PRESENTER:** Madison Silvert, Council Chair

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### **COMMITTEE REVIEW**

The Executive Committee reviewed this delegation request during its June 7, 2023, meeting, and if approved by the Council, have agreed to meet at a special-called meeting to review the proposals on its behalf.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Passed during the 2023 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, House Bill 200 created the Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund to be administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to enable CPE, healthcare programs, and healthcare providers and facilities to match public and private dollars for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible students and healthcare incentives to eligible healthcare programs. Public funding by the General Assembly will begin in the next biennium.

Generally, the bill requires CPE to reserve at least 65% of the fund for eligible healthcare scholarships and to establish a process to establish contractual partnerships which is outlined in 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships. The bill also requires CPE to reserve up to 35% of the fund for healthcare program incentives and to establish a process to determine the criteria for issuance which is outlined in 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives. Administratively, the bill directs CPE to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2023, and requires that CPE submit draft regulations to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services 30 days prior for comment and consideration.

Pursuant to the requirements of the bill, now KRS 164.0402, members of the statutorily-required committees were provided with draft regulations (attached) for review on May 19, 2023. Feedback was requested by June 19, 2023, in order to provide any necessary revisions to the draft regulations before the July 1 deadline. To date, a webinar was held for multiple

stakeholder groups on April 27 to discuss the legislation. A survey also was distributed to the public to capture feedback which informed the development of the regulations.

Next steps include the potential revision of the draft regulations based on any new feedback received, bringing the administrative regulations for approval at a special-called board meeting later in June 2023, filing of the administrative regulations by July 1 with the Legislative Research Commission, and future presentations with stakeholders to explain the regulations late this summer.