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Secretary of State

Frankfort  
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**Relating to Establishment of  
The Executive Safety Advisory Committee**

**WHEREAS**, The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program provides coverage for all state agencies except for the Transportation Cabinet, for all universities except for the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville, for volunteer fire departments and ambulance services statewide, for KCTCS, for selected county clerks' and sheriffs' offices, and for other quasi-state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five years there has been an increase in workers' compensation claims that have costs associated with them, and those costs have continued to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for increased awareness and cooperation with respect to understanding the importance of this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive safety program and a well-defined return-to-work program are an integral part of controlling costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these accidents and resulting injuries can be prevented with a comprehensive safety program:

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Ernie Fletcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.029 do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. The Personnel Cabinet is hereby directed to establish and chair an Executive Safety Advisory Committee ("Committee") comprised of one or more representatives of each major Cabinet or major Agency of state government as determined by the Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet.
2. The purpose of the Committee is to engage in statewide governmental services strategic planning to develop and promote a workplace safety program for state employees designed to reduce the number of work-related accidents and illnesses, as well as to ensure that injured employees receive the appropriate benefits for which they are eligible in a timely manner and thereafter return to work.
3. In addition to other duties and functions, which may be assigned to the Committee by the Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet, the Committee also shall be responsible for the following:



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- a. Evaluate work-related injuries and illnesses that have occurred to determine how to prevent the number of work-related accidents and illnesses;
  - b. Develop for implementation a well-defined return-to-work program for injured employees;
  - c. Make recommendations for developing and implementing a safety incentive program that increases safety awareness, reduces the number of accidents and reduces worker's compensation costs;
  - d. Develop and monitor statewide strategies to reduce work-related injuries and illnesses;
  - e. Develop and coordinate training and technical assistance programs designed to reduce work related injuries.
4. The Committee shall report annually to the Governor the progress made in improving workplace health and safety, agencies' reduction in the number of work-related injuries and illnesses, and the decrease of workers' compensation costs.
5. The Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Personnel Cabinet, and the Governor's Office of Policy and Management shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Order. All state agencies are hereby directed to provide assistance to the Committee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernie Fletcher".

ERNIE FLETCHER, Governor

Commonwealth of Kentucky

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trey Grayson".

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TREY GRAYSON  
Secretary of State