



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

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Chairmen West, Chairman Lewis, and Chairman Tipton
Interim Joint Committee on Education
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RE: Murray State University's Compliance with KRS 164.2898(1)

Dear Chairman West, Chairman Lewis, Chairman Tipton, and Attorney General Coleman:

This report is provided pursuant to KRS 164.2898(1) which requires that "No later than October 1 of each year, each institution shall submit a certified report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate Interim Joint Committee on Education, and shall publish the report to a prominent, publicly accessible location on the institution's website. Each report shall be certified by the institution's general counsel and contain a complete list and description of the nature, costs, and source of authority of all policies, programs, practices, and procedures of the institution that are: (a) Designed or implemented to promote or provide differential treatment or benefits to individuals on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; and (b) Required pursuant to any applicable federal or state law, a court order, or a binding contract entered into prior to June 27, 2025."

Murray State University complies with the provisions of House Bill 4 from the 2025 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. To ensure continuing compliance, Murray State comprehensively reviews its operations and maintains cross-campus communications regarding House Bill 4. Further, university leadership is committed to future compliance with House Bill 4 and all other statutes and regulations impacting the university.

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Murray State University also complies with state and federal laws which prohibit discrimination against persons in protected categories. These laws include Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the Kentucky Civil Rights Act among others. The university provides training on prohibited discrimination as part of its compliance efforts. The university also fulfills its federal affirmative action requirements relative to military veterans and persons with disabilities, but such activities are not prohibited by House Bill 4. The subject of this report is to list policies or programs at the university which provide differential treatment to persons based on religion, race, sex, color or national origin as prohibited by House Bill 4.

The university has a contractual relationship with Shandong Technology and Business University in China. Two agreements were signed in spring 2019 and amended thereafter prior to June 27, 2025. Pursuant to these agreements, students attending Shandong Technology and Business University are permitted to enroll at Murray State, take classes, and ultimately receive a Murray State degree at a reduced tuition rate. This contractual relationship is not based on, nor dependent on, a student's national origin or any other classification listed in House Bill 4.

Murray State University has other agreements with international universities and colleges including student exchange programs and tuition agreements. These benefits are provided to students without regard to their national origin or any other classification listed in House Bill 4. The university conferred with its vice-presidential areas and its Office of Development for purposes of this report, and will submit a supplemental report in the event one becomes necessary.

This report is submitted and certified by:



Ron K. Patterson, President



Robert Miller, General Counsel