

**211.480 Legislative findings.**

The General Assembly finds and declares that:

- (1) Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death of Kentuckians and is the leading cause of death in every county in Kentucky;
- (2) Early identification and early treatment of cardiovascular disease is effective and can save lives;
- (3) An initiative on cardiovascular disease consisting of but not limited to research, outreach, prevention, early identification, education, and follow-up for persons affected by cardiovascular disease is needed throughout the entire state; and
- (4) The involvement of the Department of Commercialization and Innovation and its centers, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and Kentucky's universities in a cardiovascular initiative provides excellent opportunities to utilize Kentucky's unique niche in cardiovascular disease to create new intellectual property, translational research, and new knowledge-based businesses.

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