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Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue  
Heather Hamilton, Committee Assistant  
700 Capital Ave.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: SAFE 4860 Fund Report (September 2025)

Dear Co-Chairs Senator McDaniel and Representative Petrie:

House Bill 544 (R.S. 2025) established the State Aid Funding for Emergencies 4860 Fund (SAFE 4860 fund) to provide financial support to those directly impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and landslides that occurred beginning on February 14, 2025. Pursuant to KRS 39A.307(11), the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is required to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by the fifteenth day of each month, beginning May 15, 2025, and ending July 15, 2029. The report is to include the name of each school district receiving SAFE 4860 funds; the dollar amount of funds issued and the dates of issuance; the dollar amount of any proceeds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an insurance company, or any other means of reimbursement for damages; a description of how the funds were used; and a list of all requests submitted. The list of submitted requests shall include the amount requested, any denials with the reason for denial, and if the award is more or less than requested, an explanation for the increase or decrease.

Please allow this letter to serve as the required report. For the month of September, there were no school districts that submitted a request to receive SAFE 4860 funds, and no school districts are receiving SAFE 4860 funds.

If members of the Committee have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or phone number below.

Sincerely,

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