

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile justice and making an appropriation therefor.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 **(1) There is hereby created in the Department of Juvenile Justice a trust and agency**
6 **account to be known as the juvenile services fund. The fund shall consist of**
7 **moneys received from state appropriations, gifts, grants, and federal funds.**

8 **(2) The fund shall be administered by the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

9 **(3) Amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for:**

10 **(a) Delinquency prevention and early intervention services for youth;**

11 **(b) Providing individualized, community-based wraparound services for justice-**
12 **involved youth and their families;**

13 **(c) Alternatives to detention; and**

14 **(d) Re-entry programs and facilities.**

15 **(4) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, fund amounts not expended at the close of a fiscal**
16 **year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year.**

17 **(5) The General Assembly recognizes that expenditures on delinquency prevention,**
18 **wraparound services, reentry, and alternatives to detention reduce juvenile**
19 **delinquency, recidivism, and involvement in the adult justice system, and**
20 **therefore finds that:**

21 **(a) The fund established by this section should receive significant funding,**
22 **indicative of the Commonwealth's commitment to the future of our youth;**
23 **and**

24 **(b) The General Assembly should shift the funding priorities in juvenile justice**
25 **to reduce the incarceration of children and increase the use of supportive**
26 **programming.**

27 ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of

- 1 \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the fund created in Section 1 of this Act.

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