

1 AN ACT relating to the creation of the Kentucky Center for Cannabis Research and  
2 making an appropriation therefor.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 42 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Agencies" means the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the  
8 Commonwealth Office of Technology, and the Department of Revenue;

9 (b) "Aggregated format" means the smallest possible combination of data to  
10 ensure that no specific taxpayer is identified, generally with no more than  
11 three (3) taxpayers combined into a single line of data;

12 (c) "Committee" means the:

13 1. Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; or

14 2. a. Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue;

15 and

16 b. House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue;

17 and

18 (d) "Data" means all tax return data, accounts receivable data, refund data,  
19 tax expenditure data, or any other information required to make sound tax  
20 policy decisions by the General Assembly as it relates to businesses  
21 operating and citizens living in the Commonwealth.

22 (2) The agencies shall cooperatively provide to the committee all data in an  
23 aggregated format.

24 (3) A working group containing employees from the agencies and the committee is  
25 hereby created to accomplish an efficient and effective delivery of the data  
26 required in subsection (2) of this section in an aggregated format which is easily  
27 accessible, adaptable, and useable by staff of the committee and on a timeline

1 which meets the needs of the committee.

2 (4) (a) By June 1, 2022, the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet  
 3 shall submit the names and contact information of staff from the agencies  
 4 to the committee.

5 (b) The first meeting of the working group shall occur no later than June 30,  
 6 2022, with monthly meetings to be held thereafter until the delivery  
 7 timeline, format, and methodology for each type of data has been  
 8 determined and the first submission of each type of data has been received.

9 ➔Section 2. KRS 132.590 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The compensation of the property valuation administrator shall be based on the  
 11 schedule contained in subsection (2) of this section as modified by subsection (3) of  
 12 this section. The compensation of the property valuation administrator shall be  
 13 calculated by the department annually. Should a property valuation administrator  
 14 for any reason vacate the office in any year during his term of office, he shall be  
 15 paid only for the calendar days actually served during the year.

16 (2) The salary schedule for property valuation administrators provides for nine (9)  
 17 levels of salary based upon the population of the county in the prior year as  
 18 determined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census  
 19 annual estimates. To implement the salary schedule, the department shall, by  
 20 November 1 of each year, certify for each county the population group applicable to  
 21 each county based on the most recent estimates of the United States Department of  
 22 Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The salary schedule provides four (4) steps for  
 23 yearly increments within each population group. Property valuation administrators  
 24 shall be paid according to the first step within their population group for the first  
 25 year or portion thereof they serve in office. Thereafter, each property valuation  
 26 administrator, on January 1 of each subsequent year, shall be advanced  
 27 automatically to the next step in the salary schedule until the maximum salary

1 figure for the population group is reached. If the county population as certified by  
 2 the department increases to a new group level, the property valuation  
 3 administrator's salary shall be computed from the new group level at the beginning  
 4 of the next year. A change in group level shall have no affect on the annual change  
 5 in step. Prior to assuming office, any person who has previously served as a  
 6 property valuation administrator must certify to the department the total number of  
 7 years, not to exceed four (4) years, that the person has previously served in the  
 8 office. The department shall place the person in the proper step based upon a  
 9 formula of one (1) incremental step per full calendar year of service:

10 SALARY SCHEDULE

County Population	Steps and Salary			
by Group	for Property Valuation Administrators			
Group I	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
0-4,999	\$45,387	\$46,762	\$48,137	\$49,513
Group II	49,513	50,888	52,263	53,639
5,000-9,999	53,639	55,014	56,389	57,765
Group III	55,702	57,765	59,828	61,891
10,000-19,999	59,828	61,891	63,954	66,017
Group IV	61,891	64,641	67,392	70,143
20,000-29,999	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
Group V	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
30,000-44,999	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
Group VI	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
45,000-59,999	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
Group VII	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
60,000-89,999	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
Group VIII	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269
60,000-89,999	66,017	68,768	71,518	74,269

1	90,000-499,999	68,080	71,518	74,957	78,395
2	Group IX				
3	500,000 and up	72,206	75,644	79,083	82,521

- 4 (3) (a) For calendar year 2000, the salary schedule in subsection (2) of this section  
5 shall be increased by the amount of increase in the annual consumer price  
6 index as published by the United States Department of Commerce for the year  
7 ended December 31, 1999. This salary adjustment shall take effect on July 14,  
8 2000, and shall not be retroactive to the preceding January 1.
- 9 (b) For each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2000, upon publication  
10 of the annual consumer price index by the United States Department of  
11 Commerce, the annual rate of salary for the property valuation administrator  
12 shall be determined by applying the increase in the consumer price index to  
13 the salary in effect for the previous year. This salary determination shall be  
14 retroactive to the preceding January 1.
- 15 (c) In addition to the step increases based on service in office, each property  
16 valuation administrator shall be paid an annual incentive of six hundred  
17 eighty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$687.67) per calendar year for  
18 each forty (40) hour training unit successfully completed based on continuing  
19 service in that office and, except as provided in this subsection, completion of  
20 at least forty (40) hours of approved training in each subsequent calendar  
21 year. If a property valuation administrator fails without good cause, as  
22 determined by the commissioner of the department, to obtain the minimum  
23 amount of approved training in any year, the officer shall lose all training  
24 incentives previously accumulated. No property valuation administrator shall  
25 receive more than one (1) training unit per calendar year nor more than four  
26 (4) incentive payments per calendar year. Each property valuation  
27 administrator shall be allowed to carry forward up to forty (40) hours of

1 training credit into the following calendar year for the purpose of satisfying  
2 the minimum amount of training for that year. This amount shall be increased  
3 by the consumer price index adjustments prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b)  
4 of this subsection. Each training unit shall be approved and certified by the  
5 department. Each unit shall be available to property valuation administrators  
6 in each office based on continuing service in that office. The department shall  
7 promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A  
8 to establish guidelines for the approval and certification of training units.

9 (4) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this section, no property valuation  
10 administrator holding office on July 14, 2000, shall receive any reduction in salary  
11 or reduction in adjustment to salary otherwise allowable by the statutes in force on  
12 July 14, 2000.

13 (5) Deputy property valuation administrators and other authorized personnel may be  
14 advanced one (1) step in grade upon completion of twelve (12) months' continuous  
15 service. The department may make grade classification changes corresponding to  
16 any approved for department employees in comparable positions, so long as the  
17 changes do not violate the integrity of the classification system. Subject to  
18 availability of funds, the department may extend cost-of-living increases approved  
19 for department employees to deputy property valuation administrators and other  
20 authorized personnel, by advancement in grade.

21 (6) Beginning with the 1990-1992 biennium, the department shall prepare a biennial  
22 budget request for the staffing of property valuation administrators' offices. An  
23 equitable allocation of employee positions to each property valuation  
24 administrator's office in the state shall be made on the basis of comparative  
25 assessment work units. Assessment work units shall be determined from the most  
26 current objective information available from the United States Bureau of the Census  
27 and other similar sources of unbiased information. Beginning with the 1996-1998

1 biennium, assessment work units shall be based on parcel count per employee. The  
2 total sum allowed by the state to any property valuation administrator's office as  
3 compensation for deputies, other authorized personnel, and for other authorized  
4 expenditures shall not exceed the amount fixed by the department. However, each  
5 property valuation administrator's office shall be allowed as a minimum such funds  
6 that are required to meet the federal minimum wage requirements for two (2) full-  
7 time deputies.

8 (7) Beginning with the 1990-1992 biennium each property valuation administrator  
9 shall submit by June 1 of each year for the following fiscal year to the department a  
10 budget request for his office which shall be based upon the number of employee  
11 positions allocated to his office under subsection (6) of this section and upon the  
12 county and city funds available to his office and show the amount to be expended  
13 for deputy and other authorized personnel including employer's share of FICA and  
14 state retirement, and other authorized expenses of the office. The department shall  
15 return to each property valuation administrator, no later than July 1, an approved  
16 budget for the fiscal year.

17 (8) Each property valuation administrator may appoint any persons approved by the  
18 department to assist him in the discharge of his duties. Each deputy shall be more  
19 than twenty-one (21) years of age and may be removed at the pleasure of the  
20 property valuation administrator. The salaries of deputies and other authorized  
21 personnel shall be fixed by the property valuation administrator in accordance with  
22 the grade classification system established by the department and shall be subject to  
23 the approval of the department. The Personnel Cabinet shall provide advice and  
24 technical assistance to the department in the revision and updating of the personnel  
25 classification system, which shall be equitable in all respects to the personnel  
26 classification systems maintained for other state employees. Any deputy property  
27 valuation administrator employed or promoted to a higher position may be

1 examined by the department in accordance with standards of the Personnel Cabinet,  
 2 for the position to which he is being appointed or promoted. No state funds  
 3 available to any property valuation administrator's office as compensation for  
 4 deputies and other authorized personnel or for other authorized expenditures shall  
 5 be paid without authorization of the department prior to the employment by the  
 6 property valuation administrator of deputies or other authorized personnel or the  
 7 incurring of other authorized expenditures.

8 (9) Each county fiscal court shall annually appropriate and pay each fiscal year to the  
 9 office of the property valuation administrator as its cost for use of the assessment,  
 10 as required by KRS 132.280, an amount determined as follows:

Assessment Subject to			
County Tax of:			
At Least	But Less Than	Amount	
----	\$100,000,000	\$0.005 for each \$100 of the first \$50,000,000 and \$0.002 for each \$100 over \$50,000,000.	
\$100,000,000	150,000,000	\$0.004 for each \$100 of the first \$100,000,000 and \$0.002 for each \$100 over \$100,000,000.	
150,000,000	300,000,000	\$0.004 for each \$100 of the first \$150,000,000 and \$0.003 for each \$100 over \$150,000,000.	
300,000,000	----	\$0.004 for each \$100.	

24 (10) The total sum to be paid by the fiscal court to any property valuation administrator's  
 25 office under the provisions of subsection (9) of this section shall not exceed the  
 26 limits set forth in the following table:

27 Assessed Value of Property Subject to

1	County Tax of:		
2	At Least	But Less Than	Limit
3	----	\$700,000,000	\$25,000
4	\$700,000,000	1,000,000,000	35,000
5	1,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	50,000
6	2,000,000,000	2,500,000,000	75,000
7	2,500,000,000	5,000,000,000	100,000
8	5,000,000,000	7,500,000,000	175,000
9	7,500,000,000	30,000,000,000	250,000
10	30,000,000,000	-----	400,000

11 This allowance shall be based on the assessment as of the previous January 1 and  
 12 shall be used for deputy and other personnel allowance, supplies, maps and  
 13 equipment, travel allowance for the property valuation administrator and his  
 14 deputies and other authorized personnel, and other authorized expenses of the  
 15 office.

16 (11) Annually, after appropriation by the county of funds required of it by subsection (9)  
 17 of this section, and no later than August 1, the property valuation administrator  
 18 shall file a claim with the county for that amount of the appropriation specified in  
 19 his approved budget for compensation of deputies and assistants, including  
 20 employer's shares of FICA and state retirement, for the fiscal year. The amount so  
 21 requested shall be paid by the county into the State Treasury by September 1, or  
 22 paid to the property valuation administrator and be submitted to the State Treasury  
 23 by September 1. These funds shall be expended by the department only for  
 24 compensation of approved deputies and assistants and the employer's share of FICA  
 25 and state retirement in the appropriating county. Any funds paid into the State  
 26 Treasury in accordance with this provision but unexpended by the close of the  
 27 fiscal year for which they were appropriated shall be returned to the county from



- 1           which they were received.
- 2   (12) After submission to the State Treasury or to the property valuation administrator of  
3       the county funds budgeted for personnel compensation under subsection (11) of this  
4       section, the fiscal court shall pay the remainder of the county appropriation to the  
5       office of the property valuation administrator on a quarterly basis. Four (4) equal  
6       payments shall be made on or before September 1, December 1, March 1, and June  
7       1 respectively. Any unexpended county funds at the close of each fiscal year shall  
8       be retained by the property valuation administrator, except as provided in KRS  
9       132.601(2). During county election years the property valuation administrator shall  
10      not expend in excess of forty percent (40%) of the allowances available to his office  
11      from county funds during the first five (5) months of the fiscal year in which the  
12      general election is held.
- 13   (13) The provisions of this section shall apply to urban-county governments and  
14      consolidated local governments. In an urban-county government and a consolidated  
15      local government, all the rights and obligations conferred on fiscal courts or  
16      consolidated local governments by the provisions of this section shall be exercised  
17      by the urban-county government or consolidated local government.
- 18   (14) When an urban-county form of government is established through merger of  
19      existing city and county governments as provided in KRS Chapter 67A or when a  
20      consolidated local government is established through merger of existing city and  
21      county governments as provided by KRS Chapter 67C, the annual county  
22      assessment shall be presumed to have been adopted as if the city had exercised the  
23      option to adopt as provided in KRS 132.285. For purposes of this subsection, the  
24      amount to be considered as the assessment for purposes of KRS 132.285 shall be  
25      the amount subject to taxation for full urban services.
- 26   (15) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (9) of this section, the amount  
27      appropriated and paid by each county fiscal court to the office of the property

1 valuation administrator for 1996 and subsequent years shall be equal to the amount  
 2 paid to the office of the property valuation administrator for 1995, or the amount  
 3 required by the provisions of subsections (9) and (10) of this section, whichever is  
 4 greater.

5 **(16) Notwithstanding this section or any other Kentucky Revised Statute to the**  
 6 **contrary, the total compensation for the office of the property valuation**  
 7 **administrator in an urban-county government shall be \$420,000 per year.**

8 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO  
 9 READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 **(1) The Kentucky Center for Cannabis Research is hereby established at the**  
 11 **University of Kentucky to advance the study of the use of cannabis and cannabis**  
 12 **derivatives for the treatment of certain medical conditions and diseases as**  
 13 **indicated and recommended by the center's advisory board.**

14 **(2) The role and mission of the center shall be to:**

15 **(a) Conduct and fund research related to cannabis and cannabis derivatives,**  
 16 **including pharmaceutical development and the efficacies of cannabis and**  
 17 **cannabis derivatives for the treatment of certain medical conditions and**  
 18 **diseases;**

19 **(b) Conduct and fund research related to the health effects, including the**  
 20 **potential risks or side effects, of the use of cannabis and cannabis**  
 21 **derivatives;**

22 **(c) Conduct and fund research related to the efficacy and potential health**  
 23 **effects of various cannabis delivery methods, including but not limited to**  
 24 **vaporizing, ingestibles, topical applications, and combustion;**

25 **(d) Review current and future cannabis research literature, clinical studies,**  
 26 **and clinical trials;**

27 **(e) Monitor, to the extent that appropriate and sufficient data are available,**

1 patient outcomes in states with medicinal cannabis programs; and

2 (f) Examine, to the extent that sufficient data are available, the health effects  
 3 of the use of combustible cannabis.

4 (3) The university shall:

5 (a) Develop and maintain the center in accordance with its administrative and  
 6 governing regulations related to the formation of multidisciplinary research  
 7 centers and institutes;

8 (b) Establish an internal advisory board to oversee the activities, research  
 9 agenda, and finances of the center. Members of the advisory board shall be  
 10 appointed by the president of the University of Kentucky and may include:

11 1. The director of the University of Kentucky Center for Cannabis  
 12 Research;

13 2. The director of the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and  
 14 Alcohol Research;

15 3. The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food  
 16 and Environment or his or her designee;

17 4. The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy or his or  
 18 her designee;

19 5. The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine or his or  
 20 her designee;

21 6. Physicians who are licensed by the Kentucky Board of Medical  
 22 Licensure and who are certified by the appropriate board in the  
 23 following specialties:

24 a. Oncology;

25 b. Pain and addiction medicine;

26 c. Neurology;

27 d. Psychiatry; and

- 1                    e. Ophthalmology;  
 2                    7. Researchers from a college or university that currently conducts  
 3                    cannabis research or that receives funds from the center pursuant to  
 4                    subsection (5) of this section, if any; and  
 5                    8. Any other individual appointed at the discretion of the president of the  
 6                    University of Kentucky;

- 7                    (c) Report to the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and  
 8                    the Legislative Research Commission by September 1 each year for the  
 9                    preceding fiscal year, outlining the center's activities and expenditures; and  
 10                   (d) Ensure that the center complies with subsection (4) of this section.

11 (4) The center shall:

- 12                   (a) Employ a director and necessary staff;  
 13                   (b) Seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public  
 14                   sources to support the role and mission of the center;  
 15                   (c) Conduct clinical research, clinical studies, and clinical trials as approved by  
 16                   appropriate federal agencies;  
 17                   (d) Establish an application for individuals interested in participating in  
 18                   cannabis-related clinical research, clinical studies, or clinical trials and a  
 19                   screening protocol to place interested applicants in appropriate research  
 20                   participant pools;  
 21                   (e) Publicly disseminate the research conducted or funded by the center;  
 22                   (f) Host an annual cannabis research symposium; and  
 23                   (g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and upon request  
 24                   from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, enter into a  
 25                   memorandum of understanding with the cabinet for data collected by the  
 26                   center or any researcher associated with or funded by the center.

- 27 (5) (a) The center may award research funds to any nonprofit Kentucky-based

- 1           research entity or any Kentucky institution of higher education and any  
2           research entity association with such an institution.
- 3           **(b) If the center awards research funds to any other entity, the center shall use**  
4           **an open, competitive grant application process using national best practices.**
- 5           **(c) Any entity or institution that receives research funds from the center shall**  
6           **present the results of its research at the center's annual research**  
7           **symposium in the year after the research is concluded and shall, upon**  
8           **request from the center, present an update on any ongoing research at the**  
9           **center's annual research symposium if the research has not concluded.**
- 10          **(6) The application developed pursuant to subsection (4)(d) of this section shall be**  
11          **made publicly available on the center's Web site.**
- 12          **(7) The university, the center, and any researcher or staff employed by, associated**  
13          **with, or funded by the center or the university shall immediately notify the**  
14          **Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Legislative Research**  
15          **Commission of any imminent or serious public health risk, or potentially**  
16          **imminent or serious public health risk, associated with cannabis identified as**  
17          **part of a research project associated with or approved by the center or the**  
18          **university's internal review board.**
- 19          **(8) If at any time the Commonwealth establishes a medicinal cannabis program, the**  
20          **application to receive a medicinal cannabis card shall include a question asking**  
21          **whether the patient is interested in participating in clinical research conducted by**  
22          **the center. If the patient indicates his or her interest in participating in the**  
23          **center's research, the department or state agency responsible for approving**  
24          **medicinal cannabis cards is authorized to share the patient's name, phone**  
25          **number, and address with the center.**
- 26          **(9) The appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the Kentucky Center for**  
27          **Cannabis Research in fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be considered startup funds**

1 and shall only be appropriated once.

2 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO  
3 READ AS FOLLOWS:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

6 (b) "CMHC" means a community mental health center;

7 (c) "Fund" means the mobile crisis services fund; and

8 (d) "Mobile unit" means any vehicle which a CMHC uses to travel within its  
9 region to provide community services for Kentuckians who experience  
10 issues with mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, and  
11 substance use disorder.

12 (2) (a) The mobile crisis services fund is hereby established within the cabinet to  
13 provide loans to CMHCs for:

14 1. Increasing access to mental health services; and

15 2. Providing services to individuals who lack sufficient access to  
16 transportation and who are:

17 a. Residing in rural areas;

18 b. Residing in homeless shelters; or

19 c. Disadvantaged mentally, physically, or economically.

20 (b) Any loan issued by the cabinet shall not exceed a five (5) year term and the  
21 interest rate shall not exceed one percent (1%).

22 (3) The cabinet shall:

23 (a) Determine the terms and conditions of each loan, including the repayment  
24 to be deposited back in the fund for issuance of future loans to other  
25 CMHCs;

26 (b) Review and adjudicate applications submitted by CMHCs that apply for a  
27 loan;

- 1 (c) Monitor the performance of each CMHC in the program; and
- 2 (d) By December 1, 2022, and by each December 1 thereafter, report to the
- 3 Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services
- 4 information about each CMHC in the program, including:
- 5 1. The name and location of each CMHC that received a loan;
- 6 2. The amount of principal originally loaned; and
- 7 3. How each CMHC used the funds.
- 8 (4) In order to apply for loan, a CMHC shall:
- 9 (a) Submit an application to the cabinet;
- 10 (b) Agree to use the funds for the purchase, operation, or establishment of
- 11 mobile units; and
- 12 (c) Agree to provide services to individuals who lack sufficient access to
- 13 transportation and who are:
- 14 1. Residing in rural areas;
- 15 2. Residing in homeless shelters; or
- 16 3. Disadvantaged mentally, physically, or economically.
- 17 (5) (a) The fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be a trust and agency
- 18 account.
- 19 (b) The fund shall be administered by the cabinet.
- 20 (c) The fund shall include moneys appropriated by the General Assembly,
- 21 contributions, donations, gifts, or federal funds.
- 22 (d) Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to administer this section.
- 23 (e) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the
- 24 close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the
- 25 succeeding fiscal year.
- 26 (f) Interest earned on any moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.
- 27 (g) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose

1 of providing loans to CMHCs.

2 (6) The appropriation provided by the General Assembly for fiscal years 2022-2023  
 3 and 2023-2024 for mobile crisis services shall be considered startup funds to  
 4 support the establishment of additional mobile crisis units and shall only be  
 5 appropriated once.

6 (7) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services may promulgate administrative  
 7 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.

8 ➔Section 5. KRS 262.330 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) The board may make available or lease, on such terms as it prescribes, to  
 10 landowners and occupiers within the district, agricultural and engineering  
 11 machinery and equipment, including heavy or specialized equipment acquired  
 12 pursuant to Section 6 of this Act, fertilizer, seeds, seedlings and such other  
 13 material or equipment as will assist the landowners and occupiers to carry on  
 14 operations upon their lands for the conservation of soil resources and for the  
 15 prevention and control of soil erosion.

16 (2) As a condition to the extending of any benefits under this chapter to, or the  
 17 performance of work upon, any lands not owned or controlled by this state or any  
 18 of its agencies, the board may require contributions in money, services, materials or  
 19 otherwise to any operations conferring such benefits, and require landowners and  
 20 occupiers to enter into and perform such agreements or covenants as to the  
 21 permanent use of their lands as will tend to prevent or control erosion.

22 ➔Section 6. KRS 262.610 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) (a) The Soil and Water Conservation Commission as referred to in KRS Chapter  
 24 146, subject to the supervision of the commissioner of the Department for  
 25 Natural Resources~~[for natural resources]~~, to the restrictions provided in  
 26 Section 5 of this Act and KRS 262.610 to 262.660, and to the requirements of  
 27 KRS Chapters 42 and 45A, is hereby authorized to acquire and to make



1 available, or to assist in acquiring or making available to soil and water  
 2 conservation districts, heavy or specialized equipment or infrastructure which  
 3 an individual district cannot itself economically obtain.

4 **(b) A district may submit a request to the commission for the acquisition of**  
 5 **heavy or specialized equipment jointly with a person residing within the**  
 6 **district to whom the district has agreed to lease the equipment in the event**  
 7 **that it is acquired or made available. The district and the person shall**  
 8 **submit all information with their joint request for heavy or specialized**  
 9 **equipment as may be required by the commission in the administrative**  
 10 **regulations promulgated under Section 7 of this Act. Any application made**  
 11 **by a district, or two (2) or more districts acting jointly pursuant to KRS**  
 12 **262.650, to the commission to acquire or make available infrastructure, or**  
 13 **to assist in doing so, shall not be made jointly with any person.**

14 (2) When the commission acquires or makes available to any district the equipment or  
 15 infrastructure above referred to, it shall require said district to fully amortize, in the  
 16 form of rentals or payments, to the Division of Conservation, as referred to in KRS  
 17 Chapter 146, any amount so expended by the commission for such assistance. The  
 18 amount and method of amortization for each piece of heavy equipment or  
 19 infrastructure shall be determined by the commission, subject to approval of the  
 20 commissioner of **the Department for Natural Resources**~~[natural resources]~~. The  
 21 amount and method of amortization for each piece of heavy or specialized  
 22 equipment shall be determined on the basis of **the lease or** a rental **fee** to be charged  
 23 by the district to the **lessee or other** user of equipment sufficient to:

- 24 (a) Fully amortize to the division the capital outlay for the machinery itself over  
 25 the period of its reasonably anticipated full usefulness;
- 26 (b) Cover the cost of operation, maintenance and repairs;
- 27 (c) Pay the usual cost of providing an operator; and

1 (d) Compensate the district for the usual costs of transportation from one (1) job  
2 to another.

3 (3) In giving effect to all of the foregoing, the commission shall estimate the amount of  
4 time such equipment would ordinarily be idle.

5 ➔Section 7. KRS 262.660 is amended to read as follows:

6 **(1)** The commission, with the approval of the commissioner **of the Department for**  
7 **Natural Resources**~~[for natural resources]~~, is hereby authorized to promulgate such  
8 other rules and regulations or methods of accounting as may be necessary or  
9 expedient to give effect to the purposes expressed in KRS 262.610 to 262.650.

10 **(2) On or before January 1, 2023, the commission, with the approval of the**  
11 **commissioner of the Department for Natural Resources, shall promulgate**  
12 **administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A that shall at a minimum**  
13 **set forth:**

14 **(a) The form and manner in which a person and a district may jointly request**  
15 **the acquisition of heavy or specialized equipment pursuant to subsection**  
16 **(1)(b) of Section 6 of this Act, including but not limited to any financial or**  
17 **other disclosures the commission may require;**

18 **(b) The terms, conditions, and repayment of loans for heavy or specialized**  
19 **equipment that the commission makes available to districts for lease to**  
20 **persons within those districts; and**

21 **(c) The terms and conditions for lease agreements between districts and**  
22 **persons for the use of acquired heavy or specialized equipment, including**  
23 **but not limited to permissible uses of the equipment, care and maintenance**  
24 **of the equipment, liability assumptions for property damage or bodily injury**  
25 **caused by the equipment, insurance requirements, availability of the**  
26 **equipment for use by others in the district, and the keeping of public records**  
27 **regarding the use of the equipment. Notwithstanding any provision of this**

1                   *chapter or KRS Chapter 42 or 45A to the contrary, lease agreements shall*  
 2                   *allow a lessee to use acquired heavy or specialized equipment outside of his*  
 3                   *or her district with prior approval of the board for the leasing district.*

4           ➔Section 8. The Commonwealth West Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center  
 5 shall be established to provide accessible, healthcare-specific educational pathways in the  
 6 western region of the state for postsecondary, high school, and nontraditional students to  
 7 address decreased student enrollment in healthcare-related fields, resulting in expanding  
 8 the pipeline of qualified healthcare workers and reducing the shortage of qualified  
 9 medical staff across the Commonwealth.

10          ➔Section 9. The center shall be a health education, innovation, and simulation  
 11 facility located in Owensboro that offers a combination of instruction and hands-on  
 12 experiential learning opportunities to students pursuing nursing and allied health  
 13 credentials. The center shall be operated and maintained through a collaborative  
 14 partnership between public and private organizations, including but not limited to Brescia  
 15 University, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Henderson Community  
 16 and Technical College, Hopkinsville Community and Technical College, Kentucky  
 17 Wesleyan College, Madisonville Community and Technical College, Owensboro  
 18 Community and Technical College, Western Kentucky University, Western Kentucky  
 19 University-Owensboro, University of Louisville School of Nursing-Owensboro, and  
 20 Owensboro Health, Inc.

21          ➔Section 10. The center shall provide in-person and virtual didactic instruction  
 22 and hands-on, experiential learning opportunities while offering career paths to address  
 23 immediate workforce needs, including but not limited to nursing, nursing assistant,  
 24 medical office assistant, radiology science, long-term care, social work, clinical  
 25 psychology, behavioral health, laboratory services, paramedic, and community healthcare  
 26 workers.

27          ➔Section 11. The General Assembly shall provide funds for the initial start-up

1 and operating costs of the center, including but not limited to faculty, personnel, facility,  
2 equipment, and furnishings in the form of a grant to be administered by the Kentucky  
3 Community and Technical College System and distributed to the collaborating partners  
4 and organizations in accordance with the agreements established for the center.

5 →Section 12. By January 1, 2023, and by November 1, 2024, the Kentucky  
6 Community and Technical College System shall provide a report to the Legislative  
7 Research Commission on the status of the center, including but not limited to operations,  
8 enrollment, expenditures, funding, and partnerships.

9 →Section 13. There is hereby appropriated Federal Funds from the State Fiscal  
10 Recovery Fund from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$1,500,000  
11 in fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to the Learning and Results Services budget  
12 unit to enrich science curriculums using Plasma Games' STEM and Chemistry education  
13 tool.

14 →Section 14. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
15 of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Department for Local Government to allocate  
16 to the Rough River Business & Tourism Association to provide accessibility to the  
17 marina and demolition of the abandoned intake structure.

18 →Section 15. There is hereby appropriated Federal Funds from the State Fiscal  
19 Recovery Fund from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$5,000,000  
20 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Kentucky Center for the Arts for emergency repairs,  
21 maintenance, and operations.

22 →Section 16. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
23 of \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the School Facilities Construction Commission  
24 as special offers of assistance for Rockcastle County Schools to use in the construction of  
25 a Rockcastle County middle school.

26 →Section 17. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
27 of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023, and

1 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Justice Administration budget unit to support  
2 Operation UNITE.

3 →Section 18. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
4 of \$105,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2022-2024 biennium to the Kentucky Public  
5 Pensions Authority to be applied to the unfunded pension liability of the Kentucky  
6 Employees Retirement System Nonhazardous pension fund.

7 →Section 19. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the  
8 General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account  
9 (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the University of  
10 Kentucky for the creation and operation of the Kentucky Center for Cannabis Research,  
11 including expenses related to conducting clinical research and participant recruitment.  
12 The appropriation shall be considered startup funds for the Kentucky Center for Cannabis  
13 Research and shall only be appropriated once. The appropriation shall be reduced by any  
14 gifts, donations, endowments, or other contributions, not including grants or other funds  
15 designated for the purpose of conducting research, received by the University of  
16 Kentucky for the purpose of creating or operating the center. Appropriations to the  
17 Kentucky Center for Cannabis Research in this Act shall be considered a mandated  
18 program and shall be excluded from the public postsecondary comprehensive funding  
19 model.

20 →Section 20. The University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Center for Cannabis  
21 Research shall, within 120 days after the effective date of this Act, prepare and submit an  
22 application to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, pursuant to 21 C.F.R. pt. 1318, for  
23 registration as a marijuana grower.

24 →Section 21. 2022 Regular Session HB 1/VO is amended as follows:

25 On page 13, delete lines 23 and 24 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

26 "(z) \$4,250,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Manchester/Clay County Tourism  
27 Commission, Elk Hill Regional Industrial Authority, and Volunteers of America for land

1 acquisition, renovations, upgrades, and Elk Hill Spec Building and Housing;"

2 On page 54, delete lines 14 through 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 **"(3) Health Insurance:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
 4 \$776,548,700 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$849,223,600 in fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
 5 employer contributions for health insurance and the contribution to the health  
 6 reimbursement account for employees waiving coverage. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229,  
 7 the unexpended General Fund balance for health insurance and the contribution to the  
 8 health retirement account for employees waiving coverage for fiscal year 2021-2022 and  
 9 fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be transferred to the Kentucky Employees Health Plan trust  
 10 fund.";

11 On page 78, delete lines 20 through 25 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

12 **"(8) Basic Health Program Information Technology System:** Included in the  
 13 above appropriation is \$3,500,000 in General Fund and \$3,500,000 in Federal Funds in  
 14 fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$1,000,000 in General Fund and \$1,000,000 in Federal Funds  
 15 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to support enhancements to the Medicaid Management  
 16 Information System (MMIS) for implementation of a Basic Health Program to provide a  
 17 bridge health insurance plan for eligible recipients. Notwithstanding any provision of law  
 18 to the contrary, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall not exercise the state's  
 19 option to develop a basic health program as permitted under 42 U.S.C. sec. 18051  
 20 without first obtaining specific authorization from the General Assembly to do so.";

21 On page 102, delete lines 13 through 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

22 **"(9) Volunteers of America - Freedom House:** Included in the above General  
 23 Fund appropriation is \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year to support the Freedom House  
 24 administered by Volunteers of America. Included in the above General Fund  
 25 appropriation is \$250,000 in each fiscal year to support the Lincoln County Family  
 26 Recovery Court to assist families involved with the child welfare system. Included in the  
 27 above General Fund appropriation is an additional one-time allocation of \$100,000 in

1 each fiscal year for education, outreach, and services related to restorative practices.";

2 On page 139, delete lines 8 through 11 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "(c) A nonprofit that has not already received direct financial assistance, excluding  
 4 loans, through the federal CARES Act (Pub. L. No. 116-136), the Consolidated  
 5 Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133), or any subsequent federal relief package enacted  
 6 prior to the nonprofit's grant application being considered shall be given preference.";

7 On page 147, delete lines 24 through 26 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8 "**(1) Debt Service:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$721,000  
 9 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$7,926,500 in fiscal year 2023-2024 for new debt service to  
 10 support new bonds as set forth in Part II, Capital Projects Budget, of this Act.";

11 On page 148, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

12 "**(3) Independent Land-Use Survey:** Included in the above General Fund  
 13 appropriation is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to support an independent land-use  
 14 survey on all State Fair Board properties.";

15 On page 214, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

16 **"4. STATE FAIR BOARD**

17 **001. State Fair Board Property Improvements**

18 Bond Funds -0- 180,000,000

19 **002. Maintenance Pool 2022-2024**

20 Bond Funds 20,000,000 -0-"; and

21 Adjust subtotals and totals accordingly.

22 ➔Section 22. Whereas the operations of governmental agencies are imperative for  
 23 the betterment of the Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act  
 24 takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise  
 25 becoming a law.