

1 AN ACT relating to economic development and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔Section 1. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, A., 6., (2) Disaster  
4 or Emergency Aid Funds, at page 7, is amended to read as follows:

5 (2) **Disaster or Emergency Aid Funds:** Subject to the conditions and procedures  
6 in this Act, in the event of a presidentially declared disaster or emergency, the  
7 Department of Military Affairs may request from the Finance and Administration  
8 Cabinet, as a necessary government expense, up to \$25,000,000 in each fiscal year from  
9 the General Fund to be used as required to match federal aid for which the state would be  
10 eligible. These necessary funds shall be made available from the General Fund Surplus  
11 Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

12 ***Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, the Kentucky Division of Emergency***  
13 ***Management shall have the authority to condemn the current Estill County Middle***  
14 ***School and may request from the Finance and Administration Cabinet, as a necessary***  
15 ***government expense, up to \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the General***  
16 ***Fund, to be expended, subject to the conditions and procedures provided in this Act, for***  
17 ***the relocation of affected students and the construction of temporary shelters to be***  
18 ***used for instructional purposes.***

19 ***All moneys reimbursed to the state by the Federal Emergency Management***  
20 ***Agency (FEMA) for eligible disaster-related expenditures shall be deposited into the***  
21 ***Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). The first \$26,700,000 of any***  
22 ***reimbursements received shall be distributed to the School Facilities Construction***  
23 ***Commission to be distributed to the Perry County School Board to support replacement***  
24 ***of Robinson Elementary School, subject to verification of eligibility of Federal***  
25 ***Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by the State Budget Director before the***  
26 ***disbursement of funds.***

27 ***The Commonwealth shall seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency***

1 Management Agency (FEMA) for all eligible costs to the maximum extent allowable  
 2 under federal disaster assistance guidelines, and the local district shall cooperate fully  
 3 in providing documentation necessary to support such reimbursement. Any  
 4 reimbursement received from FEMA moneys shall be remitted to and retained by the  
 5 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

6 ~~{All moneys reimbursed to the state by the Federal Emergency Management~~  
 7 ~~Agency (FEMA) for eligible disaster-related expenditures shall be deposited into the~~  
 8 ~~Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).}~~

9 The Department of Military Affairs shall provide a comprehensive list of  
 10 anticipated FEMA reimbursements to counties eligible for disaster-related expenditures  
 11 to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by June 1, 2026.

12 ➔Section 2. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, B., 1. Economic  
 13 Development, at pages 37 to 39, is amended to read as follows;

14 **(1) Funding for Commercialization and Innovation:** Notwithstanding KRS  
 15 154.12-278, interest income earned on the balances in the High-Tech  
 16 Construction/Investment Pool and loan repayments received by the High-Tech  
 17 Construction/Investment Pool shall be used to support the Office of Entrepreneurship and  
 18 are appropriated in addition to amounts appropriated above.

19 **(2) Lapse and Carry Forward of General Fund Appropriation Balance for**  
 20 **Bluegrass State Skills Corporation:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the General Fund  
 21 appropriation balance for Bluegrass State Skills Corporation training grants for fiscal  
 22 year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 shall not lapse and shall carry forward. The  
 23 amount available to the Corporation for disbursement in each fiscal year shall be limited  
 24 to the unexpended training grant allotment balance at the end of each fiscal year  
 25 combined with the additional training grant allotment amounts in each fiscal year of the  
 26 2026-2028 fiscal biennium, less any disbursements. If the required disbursements exceed  
 27 the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation training grants allotment balance, notwithstanding

1 KRS 154.12-278, Restricted Funds may be expended for training grants.

2       **(3) Science and Technology Program:** Notwithstanding KRS 164.6011 to  
3 164.6035 and any other statute to the contrary, the Cabinet for Economic Development  
4 shall have the authority to carry out the provisions of KRS 164.6013 to 164.6035.

5       **(4) Carry Forward of General Fund Appropriation Balance:** Notwithstanding  
6 KRS 45.229, the General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year  
7 2026-2027 to the Cabinet for Economic Development, Science and Technology Program,  
8 shall not lapse and shall carry forward in the Cabinet for Economic Development.

9       **(5) Executive Officers' Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 154.10-050(2),  
10 any additional executive officers as described in KRS 154.10-050(2) shall not be paid a  
11 salary greater than the salary of the Governor of the Commonwealth.

12       **(6) Training Grants:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
13 \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$2,325,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for the  
14 Bluegrass State Skills Corporation to make training grants to support manufacturing-  
15 related investments. The Corporation shall utilize these funds for a manufacturer  
16 designated by the United States Department of Commerce, United States Census Bureau  
17 North American Industry Classification System code of 336111, 336112, 336120, or  
18 336211 that employs at least 10,000 full-time persons at the same facility or at multiple  
19 facilities located within the same county to help offset associated costs of retraining its  
20 workforce. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the General Fund appropriation balance for  
21 Bluegrass State Skills Corporation training grants for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal  
22 year 2026-2027 shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

23       **(7) Kentucky Product Development Initiative:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229,  
24 the balance of the General Fund appropriation authorized in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part  
25 I, B., 1., (12) shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

26       **(8) KEDFA Forgivable Loan-Carry Forward of Appropriation Balance:**  
27 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the balance of the General Fund appropriation authorized

1 in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, B., 1., (11) shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

2       **(9) Agricultural Economic Development:** In accordance with KRS Chapter  
3 154, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development shall coordinate with and  
4 seek guidance from the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture in considering  
5 any projects for economic incentives related to agricultural economic development,  
6 agribusiness, or production facilities of sustainable aviation fuel.

7       **(10) State Trade and Export Promotion:** Included in the above Federal Funds  
8 appropriation is \$135,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
9 to expand the federal State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) program.

10       ~~**(11) Certified Child Care Community Designation Program:** Included in the~~  
11 ~~above appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the provisions of~~  
12 ~~2024 Ky. Acts ch. 88.]~~

13       ~~**(11)(12) Financial Assistance Program for Nuclear Energy-Related Projects:**~~  
14 Included in the above appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the  
15 provisions of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 169.

16       ~~**(12)(13) Pilot Tax Increment Financing Program:**~~ Included in the above  
17 appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the provisions of 2025  
18 Ky. Acts ch. 98.

19       ~~**(13)(14) Kentucky Film Office:**~~ Included in the above Restricted Funds  
20 appropriation is \$500,000 in each fiscal year to support staff and operational costs for the  
21 Kentucky Film Office. Notwithstanding KRS 142.406, for fiscal year 2027-2028, 2.5% of  
22 the transient room tax collected pursuant to KRS 142.400 up to a maximum amount of  
23 \$500,000 shall be transferred to the Kentucky Film Office.

24       ➔Section 3. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, C., 2. Operations  
25 and Support Services, at pages 48 to 51, is amended to read as follows:

26       **(1) Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Exams:**  
27 Notwithstanding KRS 160.348(3), included in the above General Fund appropriation is

1 \$960,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$930,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to pay the cost  
2 of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations for those students  
3 who meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price meals.

4       **(2) Employee Reporting:** The Kentucky Department of Education shall provide  
5 a report by August 1 of each year to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and  
6 Revenue. At a minimum, the report shall include:

7       (a) A count and list, by name, of all full-time, part-time, and interim employees  
8 employed under KRS Chapter 18A;

9       (b) A count and list, by name, of all contract employees;

10       (c) The position title, Kentucky Department of Education office served, and  
11 primary work location of every employee;

12       (d) The employees' level of compensation, on an annualized basis, including the  
13 percentage of all fund sources used to compensate the employee; and

14       (e) For contract employees, the start and end date of the relevant contract, as well  
15 as the name of any entity involved in administering the contract.

16       **(3) Certified and Classified Staff Compensation Increase Reporting:** The  
17 Kentucky Department of Education shall provide a report by September 1 of each year to  
18 the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue detailing certified and  
19 classified staff compensation increases for the current school year by each local school  
20 district. At a minimum, the report shall include:

21       (a) A brief description of the type of staff compensation increases adopted, such  
22 as percentage-based or flat rate, if applicable;

23       (b) The average percentage rate or dollar amount of the compensation increases,  
24 by classification, if applicable;

25       (c) The effective date of the compensation increases, if applicable;

26       (d) The manner in which the compensation increases were delineated, such as  
27 universally or by job classification, if applicable;

1 (e) Any monetary compensation in addition to that provided through the district's  
2 single salary schedule, such as one-time payments, if applicable;

3 (f) The date the local board of education adopted the compensation increases, if  
4 applicable; and

5 (g) Any changes to the local school district's certified and/or classified staff  
6 single salary schedule(s), if applicable.

7 **(4) Blind/Deaf Residential Travel Program:** Included in the above General  
8 Fund appropriation is \$472,600 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$457,800 in fiscal year  
9 2027-2028 for the Blind/Deaf Residential Travel Program.

10 **(5) Educators Employment Liability Insurance Program:** Included in the  
11 above General Fund appropriation is \$4,800,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$4,650,000  
12 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the educators employment liability insurance program  
13 pursuant to KRS 161.212.

14 **(6) School and Community Nutrition Programs:** Included in the above Federal  
15 Funds appropriation is an additional \$100,181,200 in each fiscal year to support increased  
16 spending on school and community nutrition programs.

17 **(7) Special Examination:** Included in the above appropriations is sufficient  
18 funding to implement and carry out the provisions of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 118.

19 **(8) Local School District Insurance Coverage Report:** The Kentucky  
20 Department of Education shall submit a report detailing each local school district's  
21 insurance coverage to the Department of Insurance no later than October 1, 2026. The  
22 report shall at a minimum include, for each district, the insurer and level of insurance  
23 coverage, as required under 702 KAR 3:030.

24 **(9) School District Project and Indebtedness Report:** The Kentucky  
25 Department of Education, with assistance from the School Facilities Construction  
26 Commission, shall compile and submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on  
27 Appropriations and Revenue by June 30, 2027. The report shall be submitted in a format

1 set forth by the Legislative Research Commission and shall include, at a minimum, a list  
 2 of every local school district's existing bonded projects, the date and amount of any  
 3 additional tax levy enacted by a school board for each project, any equalization  
 4 provisions provided for each project, the total amount of debt service payments made by  
 5 each district, and the amount of debt service remaining and anticipated retirement dates  
 6 of the debt service associated with each project.

7 **(10) Employment of Leadership Personnel: Notwithstanding KRS 18A.005 to**  
 8 **18A.200, the Kentucky Board of Education shall continue to have sole authority to**  
 9 **determine the employees of the Department of Education who are exempt from the**  
 10 **classified service and to set those employees' compensation comparable to the**  
 11 **competitive market.**

12 ➔Section 4. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, C., 3. Learning and  
 13 Results Services, at pages 51 to 55, is amended to read as follows:

14 **(1) Kentucky Education Technology System:** Notwithstanding KRS 157.650 to  
 15 157.665, the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind shall be fully eligible,  
 16 along with local school districts, to participate in the Kentucky Education Technology  
 17 System in a manner that takes into account the special needs of the students of these two  
 18 schools.

19 **(2) Family Resource and Youth Services Centers:** Funds appropriated to  
 20 establish and support Family Resource and Youth Services Centers shall be transferred in  
 21 each fiscal year to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services consistent with KRS  
 22 156.496. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is authorized to use, for  
 23 administrative purposes, no more than two percent of the total funds transferred from the  
 24 Department of Education for the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers. If a  
 25 certified person is employed as a director or coordinator of a Family Resource and Youth  
 26 Services Center, that person shall retain his or her status as a certified employee of the  
 27 school district.

1           **(3) Health Insurance:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
2 \$1,076,821,500 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,277,823,800 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for  
3 employer contributions for health insurance and the contribution to the health  
4 reimbursement account for employees waiving coverage. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229,  
5 General Fund in the amount of \$98,310,700 in fiscal year 2025-2026 shall not lapse and  
6 shall carry forward into fiscal year 2026-2027.

7           **(4) Program Flexibility:** Notwithstanding KRS 158.070(8) and 158.446, local  
8 school districts shall be provided additional flexibility in the utilization of funds for  
9 Extended School Services and Safe Schools. Local school districts shall continue to  
10 address the governing statutes and serve the intended student population but may utilize  
11 funds from these programs for general operating expenses in each year of the fiscal  
12 biennium. Local school districts that utilize these funds for general operating expenses  
13 shall report to the Kentucky Department of Education and the Interim Joint Committee  
14 on Education the amount of funding from each program utilized for general operating  
15 expenses.

16           **(5) Center for School Safety:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation  
17 is \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Center for School Safety. Notwithstanding KRS  
18 158.446, the Center for School Safety shall allot these moneys for the purposes described  
19 in KRS 158.440, 158.441, 158.4415, 158.4416, 158.442, 158.445, and 158.446 at both  
20 public and private school buildings, campuses, grounds, recreational areas, or athletic  
21 fields, except that no more than \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year may be retained for  
22 operating and administrative purposes.

23           **(6) Allocations to School-Based Decision Making Councils:** Notwithstanding  
24 KRS 160.345(8), for each fiscal year, a local board of education may reduce the  
25 allocations to individual schools within the district as outlined in 702 KAR 3:246, secs. 6,  
26 7, and 8. The allocation under 702 KAR 3:246, sec. 6 shall not be less than \$100 per  
27 pupil in average daily attendance.

1           **(7) Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf:**  
 2 Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$8,289,100 in each fiscal year for  
 3 the Kentucky School for the Blind and \$11,291,800 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky  
 4 School for the Deaf.

5           **(8) Career and Technical Education:** Included in the above General Fund  
 6 appropriation is \$127,115,900 in each fiscal year for career and technical education. Of  
 7 this amount, \$70,063,400 in each fiscal year shall be distributed as supplemental funding  
 8 to support qualifying locally operated career and technical education centers, state-  
 9 operated area technology centers, and programs based on enrollment and incentive  
 10 criteria, pursuant to KRS 157.069.

11           The General Assembly recognizes that supplemental funding for locally operated  
 12 career and technical education centers and state-operated area technology centers is  
 13 recurring, and it is the intent of the 2026 General Assembly to evaluate those funding  
 14 needs before January 1, 2028.

15           **(9) Redistribution of Resources:** Notwithstanding KRS 156.095, 156.553,  
 16 156.555, 157.390, 158.070, 158.770, 158.775, 158.805, 161.027, 161.028, 161.030,  
 17 161.165, and 161.167, no General Fund is provided for the Professional Development  
 18 Program, the Commonwealth School Improvement Fund, the Leadership and Mentor  
 19 Fund, the Middle School Academic Center, the Teacher's Professional Growth Fund, the  
 20 Teacher Academies Program, the Writing Program, the Kentucky Principal Internship  
 21 Program, the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, and the Kentucky Academy for  
 22 Equity in Teaching in order to increase funding for school-based mental health services  
 23 providers.

24           **(10) Learning and Results Services Programs:** Included in the above General  
 25 Fund appropriation are the following allocations for the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium, but  
 26 no portion of these funds shall be utilized for state-level administrative purposes:

27           (a) \$1,900,000 in each fiscal year for AdvanceKentucky;

- 1 (b) \$1,850,000 in each fiscal year for the Community Education Program;
- 2 (c) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for Dataseam;
- 3 (d) \$23,916,300 in each fiscal year for the Extended School Services Program;
- 4 (e) \$48,889,000 in each fiscal year for the Family Resource and Youth Services  
5 Centers Program;
- 6 (f) \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Gifted and Talented Program;
- 7 (g) \$100,000 in each fiscal year for the Hearing and Speech Center;
- 8 (h) \$100,000 in each fiscal year for the Heuser Hearing and Language Academy;
- 9 (i) Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4), \$1,675,500 in each fiscal year for the  
10 Jobs for America's Graduates Program;
- 11 (j) \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs;
- 12 (k) \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Educational Collaborative  
13 for State Agency Children;
- 14 (l) \$1,391,000 in each fiscal year for Local School District Life Insurance;
- 15 (m) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Math Nation;
- 16 (n) \$5,019,000 in each fiscal year for the Mathematics Achievement Fund;
- 17 (o) \$84,481,100 in each fiscal year for the Preschool Program;
- 18 (p) \$12,261,100 in each fiscal year for the Read to Achieve Program.  
19 Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(3)(b), included in the above appropriation is \$1,124,500  
20 from lottery proceeds;
- 21 (q) \$11,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Read to Succeed Program;
- 22 (r) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for Save the Children;
- 23 (s) \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year for the Statewide Reading Research Center;
- 24 (t) \$700,000 in each fiscal year for Teach for America. Teach for America shall  
25 submit a report on the outcomes of the program to the Interim Joint Committee on  
26 Education by August 1, 2027;
- 27 (u) \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the Visually Impaired Preschool Services

1 Program; and

2 (v) \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for We Lead CS.

3 It is the intent of the 2026 General Assembly to reevaluate each Learning and  
4 Results Services Program, both individually and collectively, to optimize funding and  
5 support for Kentucky students.

6 **(11) School-Based Mental Health Services Providers:** Included in the above  
7 General Fund appropriation is \$7,412,500 in each fiscal year to fund school-based mental  
8 health services provider full-time equivalent positions on a reimbursement basis. The  
9 Kentucky Center for School Safety, in consultation with the Office of the State School  
10 Security Marshal, shall develop criteria to determine which districts shall receive funding  
11 to meet the requirements of KRS 158.4416(3)(a). The criteria shall include:

12 (a) A local district's use of Medicaid funding to supplement General Fund;

13 (b) An equitable and balanced statewide distribution; and

14 (c) Any other criteria to support a trauma-informed approach in schools.

15 **(12) School Resource Officers:** Included in the above appropriations is  
16 \$11,500,000 in General Fund and \$11,500,000 in Restricted Funds in each fiscal year to  
17 assist local school districts and nonpublic schools in funding salaries for school resource  
18 officers. The Kentucky Department of Education shall reimburse local school districts  
19 and nonpublic schools up to \$20,000 for each full-time certified school resource officer.  
20 Notwithstanding KRS 15.430 and 15.470, excess Restricted Funds from the Department  
21 of Criminal Justice Training shall be transferred to the Kentucky Department of  
22 Education for this purpose.

23 **(13) Federal Remedial Education Grants:** It is the intent of the 2026 General  
24 Assembly that the Kentucky Department of Education shall apply for all federal grants  
25 available for remedial education.

26 **(14) Principal Leadership Development Practicum:** Included in the above  
27 General Fund appropriation is a one-time allocation of \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to

1 support a new program, overseen by the Kentucky Department of Education, to develop  
2 and mentor new school principals.

3 *(15) College Entrance Exam: No General Funds provided to the Kentucky*  
4 *Department of Education shall be used for any contract that does not meet Kentucky*  
5 *Academic Standards and the Accountability and Assessment provisions outlined in*  
6 *KRS 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, 158.649, and 160.346 and applicable*  
7 *federal statutes. The Kentucky Department of Education shall initiate a new*  
8 *competitive procurement process and shall award a contract only to a vendor or*  
9 *vendors whose assessment product satisfies all applicable state and federal statutory*  
10 *requirements for accountability and assessment purposes to be in place for the 2026-*  
11 *2027 school year.*

12 ➔Section 5. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, D., 1. General  
13 Administration and Program Support, at pages 56 to 57, is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) **Early Childhood Development:** Included in the above General Fund  
15 (Tobacco) appropriation is \$1,063,800 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$983,200 in fiscal  
16 year 2027-2028 for the Early Childhood Advisory Council.

17 (2) **Heuser Hearing Institute:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation  
18 is \$1,920,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,860,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for the  
19 Heuser Hearing Institute to support programs developed to close the education and  
20 achievement gaps for deaf and hard-of-hearing adults.

21 (3) **The Hope Center:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
22 \$96,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$93,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for the Hope  
23 Center.

24 (4) **Lapse and Reallocation of Early Childhood Development Fund**  
25 **Appropriations:** Notwithstanding KRS 194A.055, 200.151, 248.654, and any statute to  
26 the contrary, \$6,500,000 in General Fund (Tobacco) settlement agreement funds  
27 previously appropriated from the Early Childhood Development Fund to the General

1 Administration and Program Support budget unit within the Education and Labor Cabinet  
 2 for the benefit of the Early Childhood Advisory Council shall lapse to the Tobacco  
 3 Settlement Agreement Fund established in KRS 248.654.

4 **(5) Governor's School for Entrepreneurs: Included in the above General Fund**  
 5 **appropriation is \$960,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$930,000 in fiscal year 2027-**  
 6 **2028 for the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs.**

7 ➔Section 6. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, E., 4., (1)  
 8 Emergency Forest Fire Suppression, at pages 62 to 63, is amended to read as follows:

9 **(1) Emergency Forest Fire Suppression:** Not less than \$2,500,000 of the above  
 10 General Fund appropriation in each fiscal year shall be set aside for emergency forest fire  
 11 suppression. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of the \$2,500,000 not expended  
 12 for emergency forest fire suppression shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 13 Account (KRS 48.705) at the end of each fiscal year. There is appropriated from the  
 14 General Fund the necessary funds, subject to the conditions and procedures provided in  
 15 this Act, which are required as a result of emergency fire suppression activities in excess  
 16 of \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year. Fire suppression costs in excess of \$2,500,000 annually  
 17 shall be deemed necessary government expenses and shall be paid, up to **\$4,838,300 in**  
 18 **fiscal year 2025-2026 and** \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year **of the 2026-2028 fiscal**  
 19 **biennium**, from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve  
 20 Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

21 ➔Section 7. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, F. Finance and  
 22 Administration Cabinet, at pages 64 to 69, is amended to read as follows:

23 **F. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET**

24 **Budget Units**

25 **1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
26		
27	9,803,700	13,468,900

1	Restricted Funds	45,074,400	41,161,500
2	TOTAL	54,878,100	54,630,400

3       **(1) Kentucky Affordable Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund:** Included in the above  
 4 General Fund appropriation is \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$5,600,000 in  
 5 fiscal year 2027-2028 to support projected tuition payments and refunds through fiscal  
 6 year 2025-2026.

7       **2. CONTROLLER**

		<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
8			
9	General Fund	4,216,900	5,378,100
10	Restricted Funds	19,672,600	18,109,700
11	TOTAL	23,889,500	23,487,800

12       **(1) Social Security Contingent Liability Fund:** Any expenditures that may be  
 13 required by KRS 61.470 are hereby deemed necessary government expenses and shall be  
 14 paid first from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700), if available, or from any  
 15 available balance in the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705), subject to  
 16 the conditions and procedures provided in this Act.

17       **(2) Controller Operations:** Notwithstanding KRS 61.470, included in the above  
 18 Restricted Funds appropriations is \$560,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$140,000 in  
 19 fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the operations of the Office of the Controller.

20       **3. DEBT SERVICE**

		<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
21			
22	General Fund (Tobacco)	14,100,200	13,880,800
23	General Fund	<u>579,907,900</u>	<u>781,499,900</u>
24		[596,104,400]	[816,242,400]
25	TOTAL	<u>594,008,100</u>	<u>795,380,700</u>
26		[610,204,600]	[830,123,200]

27       **(1) Kentucky State Police Two-Way Radio Debt Service:** Notwithstanding

1 KRS 150.021(2), the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall transfer \$599,200  
 2 in each fiscal year to the Finance and Administration Cabinet to partially support debt  
 3 service on the Kentucky State Police Two-Way Radio System project.

4 **(2) Debt Service:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
 5 \$26,186,500~~[\$42,383,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$69,081,500~~[\$103,824,000]~~ in  
 6 fiscal year 2027-2028 for new debt service to support new bonds as set forth in Part II,  
 7 Capital Projects Budget, of this Act.

8 **(3) Carry Forward of General Fund Appropriation Balance:** Notwithstanding  
 9 KRS 45.229 and 48.720, General Fund in the amount of \$18,500,000 in fiscal year 2025-  
 10 2026 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year 2026-2027.

11 **(4) Use of Restricted Funds for Debt Service:** Notwithstanding KRS  
 12 218B.080(3), \$12,000,000 in each fiscal year; notwithstanding KRS 286.1-485(3),  
 13 \$9,000,000 in each fiscal year; notwithstanding KRS 42.4582, \$6,500,000 in each fiscal  
 14 year; notwithstanding KRS 243.025(3), \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year; and  
 15 notwithstanding KRS 14.140, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year, are hereby transferred to the  
 16 Debt Service Fund to be used to pay debt service on General Fund supported bonds  
 17 previously issued by the Commonwealth.

18 **4. FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
19 General Fund	9,100,200	9,000,500
20 Restricted Funds	57,654,700	57,117,600
21 TOTAL	66,754,900	66,118,100

22  
 23 **(1) Capitol Annex Renovation:** Notwithstanding KRS 42.425 and any statute to  
 24 the contrary, the administration and management of the Capitol Annex Renovation  
 25 project authorized in 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175, Part II, F., 2., 009. shall be approved by the  
 26 Director of the Legislative Research Commission or his designee.

27 **5. COUNTY COSTS**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
1		
2     General Fund	29,243,500	29,243,500
3     Restricted Funds	1,702,500	1,702,500
4     TOTAL	30,946,000	30,946,000

5       **(1) County Costs:** Funds required to pay county costs are appropriated and  
6 additional funds may be allotted from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700)  
7 or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) by the Secretary of the Finance  
8 and Administration Cabinet, subject to the conditions and procedures provided in this  
9 Act.

10       **(2) Reimbursement to Sheriffs’ Offices for Court Security Services:**  
11 Notwithstanding KRS 64.092(6), the sheriff or other law enforcement officer serving a  
12 Circuit or District Court shall be compensated at the rate of \$15 per hour of service. To  
13 be eligible for this enhanced rate, deputies providing services must be paid at least \$10  
14 per hour.

15   **6. COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
16		
17     Restricted Funds	136,597,800	134,398,500
18     Federal Funds	1,716,600	1,716,600
19     TOTAL	138,314,400	136,115,100

20       **(1) Computer Services Fund Receipts:** The Secretary of the Finance and  
21 Administration Cabinet shall provide a listing of fee receipts from the Executive, Judicial,  
22 and Legislative Branches of government itemized by appropriation units, cost allocation  
23 methodology, and a report detailing the rebate of excess fee receipts to the agencies to the  
24 Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by August 1 of each fiscal year.

25       **(2) Legacy Modernization:** The Commonwealth Office of Technology shall  
26 prepare a report for the Legacy Modernization capital project authorized in 2024 Ky.  
27 Acts ch. 175, Part II, F., 3., 001. The report shall include a list of legacy IT systems that

1 have been completed, the date in which they were completed, the state agency the IT  
 2 system was for, and a status report for the completion percentage of all other ongoing  
 3 modernization projects. This report shall be submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on  
 4 Appropriations and Revenue by October 31 of each fiscal year.

5 **(3) Security Enhancements:** Included in the above Restricted Funds  
 6 appropriation is \$625,800 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,719,100 in fiscal year 2027-  
 7 2028 to support security enhancements in key areas such as email integrity, data  
 8 classification, directory resilience, and incident response and training.

9 **(4) Centralized Registry of Artificial Intelligence Systems:** Included in the  
 10 above appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the provisions of  
 11 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 66.

12 **7. REVENUE**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
13		
14	250,000	250,000
15	123,420,800	125,474,400
16	12,448,900	12,448,900
17	50,000	50,000
18	136,169,700	138,223,300

19 **(1) Operations of Revenue:** Notwithstanding KRS 132.672, 134.552(2),  
 20 136.652, and 365.390(2), funds may be expended in support of the operations of the  
 21 Department of Revenue.

22 **(2) State Enforcement:** Notwithstanding KRS 248.654 and 248.703(4), a total of  
 23 \$250,000 of the Tobacco Settlement payments received in each fiscal year is appropriated  
 24 to the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department of Revenue, for the state's  
 25 diligent enforcement of noncompliant nonparticipating manufacturers.

26 **8. PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATORS**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
27		

1	General Fund	64,978,600	64,663,500
2	Restricted Funds	4,786,400	4,786,000
3	TOTAL	69,765,000	69,449,500

4       **(1) Management of Expenditures:** Notwithstanding KRS 132.590 and 132.597,  
 5 the property valuation administrators are authorized to take necessary actions to manage  
 6 expenditures within the appropriated amounts contained in this Act.

7       **(2) Salary Increment:** Notwithstanding KRS 132.590(3)(b), the increment  
 8 provided on the base salary or wages of each eligible property valuation administrator  
 9 shall be the same as that provided for eligible state employees in Part IV of this Act. The  
 10 placement and advancement on the proper step of the salary schedule for property  
 11 valuation administrators as set forth in 132.590(2) shall continue to apply. The increment  
 12 changes should be applied to the salary schedule for property valuation administrators for  
 13 the duration of this biennial budget.

14       **TOTAL - FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET**

15		<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
16	General Fund (Tobacco)	14,350,200	14,130,800
17	General Fund	<u>820,671,600</u>	<u>1,028,728,800</u>
18		<del>836,868,100</del>	<del>1,063,471,300</del>
19	Restricted Funds	277,937,300	269,724,700
20	Federal Funds	1,766,600	1,766,600
21	TOTAL	<u>1,114,725,700</u>	<u>1,314,350,900</u>
22		<del>1,130,922,200</del>	<del>1,349,093,400</del>

23       ➔Section 8. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, G., 6. Community  
 24 Based Services, at pages 84 to 90, is amended to read as follows:

25       **(1) Tobacco Settlement Funds:** Included in the above General Fund (Tobacco)  
 26 appropriation is \$8,422,100 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$7,783,300 in fiscal year 2027-  
 27 2028 for the Early Childhood Development Program and \$1,773,100 in fiscal year 2026-

1 2027 and \$1,638,600 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for the Early Childhood Adoption and  
2 Foster Care Supports Program.

3 (2) **Fostering Success:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
4 \$480,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$465,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the  
5 Fostering Success Program.

6 (3) **Dually Licensed Pediatric Facilities:** Included in the above General Fund  
7 appropriation is \$528,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$511,500 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
8 to provide supplemental payments to dually licensed pediatric facilities for emergency  
9 shelter services for children.

10 (4) **Child Care Assistance Program:** Included in the above General Fund  
11 appropriation is \$10,176,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$9,858,000 in fiscal year 2027-  
12 2028 to provide services to families at or below 160 percent of the federal poverty level  
13 as determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The  
14 Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall submit a report to the Interim Joint  
15 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue no later than November 1, 2026, detailing  
16 payment timelines to child care providers participating in the Child Care Assistance  
17 Program. The report shall include, but not be limited to the average number of calendar  
18 days between the receipt of a completed claim and the issuance of payment to the  
19 provider; the total number of claims where payment was beyond 30 days from the date of  
20 submission; and a detailed justification for any claims exceeding the 30-day threshold,  
21 categorized by administrative, technical, or investigative delays.

22 (5) **Personal Care Homes:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
23 \$12,000,000 in each fiscal year to support reimbursements provided to personal care  
24 homes.

25 (6) **Children's Services Contractors:** Notwithstanding KRS Chapter 45A, no  
26 contracts awarded for the use and benefit of the Department for Community Based  
27 Services shall interfere with the contractor's freedom of religion as set forth in KRS

1 446.350. Any such contracts shall contain a provision allowing a contractor to allow a  
2 substitute contractor who is also licensed or approved by the Cabinet to deliver the  
3 contracted services if the contractor cannot perform a contracted service because of  
4 sincerely held religious beliefs as outlined in KRS 446.350.

5 **(7) Victims Advocacy Programs:** Included in the above General Fund  
6 appropriation is \$10,557,700 in each fiscal year for the Children's Advocacy Centers,  
7 \$13,912,700 in each fiscal year for the Domestic Violence Shelters, and \$7,776,100 in  
8 each fiscal year for the Rape Crisis Centers to support operational costs.

9 **(8) Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership:** Included in the above  
10 General Fund appropriation is \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support the Employee  
11 Child Care Assistance Partnership for matching contributions. There shall be a two  
12 percent cap on administrative costs for the oversight of this program. Notwithstanding  
13 KRS 45.229, any General Fund amounts appropriated for matching contributions in fiscal  
14 year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

15 **(9) Volunteers of America - Family Recovery Court:** Included in the above  
16 General Fund appropriation is \$480,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$465,000 in fiscal  
17 year 2027-2028 to support the operations of the Volunteers of America - Family  
18 Recovery Court.

19 **(10) Family Scholar House:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is  
20 \$960,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$930,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the  
21 operations of the Family Scholar House.

22 **(11) Maryhurst:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$1,350,000  
23 in each fiscal year to provide a reimbursement rate increase for children in the 5  
24 Specialized Programs.

25 **(12) Foster Care Independent Living:** Included in the above General Fund  
26 appropriation is \$1,920,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,860,000 in fiscal year 2027-  
27 2028 for independent living supports to children aging out of the foster care system.

1           **(13) Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Initiatives:** Included in the above  
2 General Fund appropriation is \$18,680,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$18,065,000 in  
3 fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the CCAP initiative.

4           The appropriations shall be allocated to the individual programs as follows:

5           (a) \$17,240,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$16,670,000 in fiscal year 2027-  
6 2028 to support an income exclusion from eligibility determinations for child care  
7 providers; and

8           (b) \$1,440,000 in General Fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,395,000 in fiscal  
9 year 2027-2028 to support a six-month transition for families no longer eligible for  
10 CCAP benefits.

11           **(14) Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program:** Included in the  
12 above General Fund appropriation is \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$2,325,000  
13 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the Early Childhood Development Scholarship  
14 Program.

15           **(15) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Administration:**  
16 Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$43,500,000 in fiscal year 2026-  
17 2027 and \$58,000,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the increased state share of  
18 SNAP administrative cost responsibility from 50 percent to 75 percent, as required by  
19 H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress.

20           **(16) Adoption Records:** Included in the above appropriations is sufficient funding  
21 to implement and carry out the provisions of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 43.

22           **(17) Child Care Benefits:** Included in the above appropriations is sufficient  
23 funding to implement and carry out the provisions of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 84.

24           **(18) Relative and Fictive Kin Caregivers:** Included in the above General Fund  
25 appropriation is \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year. Federal funds shall include but are not  
26 limited to funds available through foster care maintenance payments in Title IV-E of the  
27 Social Security Act and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant under

1 Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.

2 Pursuant to KRS 620.142(4), the custodial, permanency, and service options  
3 provided to relative and fictive caregivers shall reflect nationally recognized best  
4 practices. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall include Title IV-E compliant  
5 provisional licensing for relatives and fictive kin through revised administrative  
6 regulation (922 KAR) in order to maximize federal funding available for relative or  
7 fictive kin foster parent payments. Such provisional licensing shall include provisional  
8 approval within five days of placement, immediate satisfaction of all federal safety  
9 requirements, a 120-day window to complete non-safety requirements (training, home  
10 study), and a provisional approval process to qualify these homes for Title IV-E foster  
11 care maintenance payment purposes.

12 Pursuant to KRS 620.142(3), within 120 days of receiving temporary custody of a  
13 child or upon the occurrence of a verifiable qualifying event, a relative or fictive kin  
14 caregiver may submit a request to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the  
15 purpose of pursuing a change in custody of the child in his or her care. Upon preliminary  
16 approval of the request, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services may request that the  
17 court place the child in the custody of the Cabinet for the purpose of allowing the relative  
18 or fictive kin caregiver to pursue approval as a relative or fictive kin foster parent. Upon  
19 placement of the child in the custody of the Cabinet, the relative or fictive kin caregiver  
20 shall pursue foster parent approval.

21 For purposes of KRS 620.142(3), a "qualifying event" shall include the death or  
22 incapacitation of a caregiver; loss of income due to disability; early or unplanned  
23 retirement due to a documented hardship, including medical necessity or employer-  
24 mandated separation, resulting in a substantial loss of income; loss of a home or  
25 employment due to a natural disaster or fire; a change in household structure due to  
26 divorce or legal separation; or a significant change in the child's medical or behavioral  
27 health needs requiring substantial caregiver involvement.

1 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to relieve a child's biological or legal  
2 parents of their continuing statutory and legal duty to support and provide for the child.  
3 For any child involved in a juvenile court proceeding who is in state custody or placed by  
4 the Cabinet in an out-of-home setting, including but not limited to placement with fictive  
5 kin or relatives, the Cabinet shall immediately initiate proceedings to establish a child  
6 support order in favor of the Commonwealth and shall take all necessary steps to enforce  
7 such order for the duration of the child's placement or state custody.

8 The Cabinet shall coordinate, as appropriate, with the state agency responsible for  
9 child support enforcement to ensure timely establishment, modification, and enforcement  
10 of support obligations. Any support collected by the state shall be applied in accordance  
11 with state law for the benefit of the child.

12 Efforts to establish or enforce child support shall not delay permanency planning or  
13 placement decisions made in the best interests of the child.

14 **(19) Dependency, Neglect, or Abuse of a Child:** Included in the above  
15 appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the provisions of 2024  
16 Ky. Acts ch. 133 and 144.

17 **(20) Truancy:** Included in the above appropriations is sufficient funding to  
18 implement and carry out the provisions of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 163.

19 **(21) Out of Home Care:** Included in the above Restricted Funds appropriation is  
20 \$22,000,000 in each fiscal year from the Out of Home Care Replacement Fund to  
21 maintain existing support for foster care and kinship care programs to enhance  
22 specialized services for children with exceptional needs to assist in identifying and  
23 securing supportive placements. The Department of Community Based Services shall  
24 utilize federal funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant and  
25 shall expend any additional available reserves before expending the Restricted Funds  
26 from the Out of Home Care Replacement Fund. The Department shall submit a quarterly  
27 report detailing the expenditures and fund sources for all out of home care services

1 beginning November 1, 2026, to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and  
 2 Revenue.

3 **(22) Kentucky United Methodist Children’s Homes:** Included in the above  
 4 General Fund appropriation is \$102,100 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to reimburse the  
 5 Kentucky United Methodist Children’s Homes Independent Living Program for  
 6 providing therapeutic services to youth in state custody.

7 **(23) Sunrise Children’s Services:** Included in the above General Fund  
 8 appropriation is \$2,200 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to reimburse the Sunrise Children’s  
 9 Services Independent Living Program for providing therapeutic services to youth in state  
 10 custody.

11 **(24) Youth Villages Intercept Program:** Included in the above appropriations is  
 12 \$6,378,600 in General Fund and \$6,396,400 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2026-2027  
 13 and \$7,792,300 in General Fund and \$8,997,700 in Federal Funds in fiscal year 2027-  
 14 2028 for the Youth Villages Intercept Program.

15 **(25) Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rate Increase: Included in the above**  
 16 **General Fund appropriation is \$26,880,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$26,040,000**  
 17 **in fiscal year 2027-2028 to provide reimbursements to child care providers for CCAP**  
 18 **families at the 80th percentile of the Market Rate Survey.**

19 **(26) Certified Child Care Community Designation Program: Included in the**  
 20 **above appropriations is sufficient funding to implement and carry out the provisions of**  
 21 **2024 Ky. Acts ch. 88.**

22 ➔Section 9. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part I, K. Postsecondary  
 23 Education, at pages 107 to 123, is amended to read as follows:

24 **K. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

25 **Budget Units**

26 **1. COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

27 **2026-27 2027-28**

1	General Fund (Tobacco)	6,165,900	5,745,500
2	General Fund	14,217,900	17,696,700
3	Restricted Funds	11,709,700	9,025,900
4	Federal Funds	6,128,800	6,190,100
5	TOTAL	38,222,300	38,658,200

6       **(1) Interest Earnings Transfer from the Strategic Investment and Incentive**  
7 **Trust Fund Accounts:** Notwithstanding KRS 164.7911 to 164.7927, included in the  
8 above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$3,077,300 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the  
9 interest earnings on the Research Challenge and Comprehensive University Excellence  
10 trust funds to support the operations of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

11       **(2) Cancer Research and Screening:** Included in the above General Fund  
12 (Tobacco) appropriation is \$6,165,900 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$5,745,500 in fiscal  
13 year 2027-2028 for cancer research and screening to be shared equally between the  
14 University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Of these amounts, \$625,000 in  
15 each fiscal year is from the lapse and reallocation of Early Childhood Development Fund  
16 appropriations set forth in Part X of this Act.

17       **(3) Redistribution of Resources:** Notwithstanding KRS 164.028 to 164.0282, no  
18 General Fund is provided for Professional Education Preparation.

19       **(4) Postsecondary Education Debt:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.750 to 45.810, in  
20 order to lower the cost of borrowing, any university that has issued or caused to be issued  
21 debt obligations through a not-for-profit corporation or a municipality or county  
22 government for which the rental or use payments of the university substantially meet the  
23 debt service requirements of those debt obligations is authorized to refinance those debt  
24 obligations if the principal amount of the debt obligations is not increased and the rental  
25 payments of the university are not increased. Any funds used by a university to meet debt  
26 obligations issued by a university pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to  
27 interception of state-appropriated funds pursuant to KRS 164A.608.

1           **(5) Disposition of Postsecondary Institution Property:** Notwithstanding KRS  
2 45.777, a postsecondary institution's governing board may elect to sell or dispose of real  
3 property or major items of equipment and proceeds from the sale shall be designated to  
4 the funding sources, on a proportionate basis, used for acquisition of the equipment or  
5 property to be sold.

6           **(6) Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research:** Included in the above General  
7 Fund appropriation is \$1,920,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,860,000 in fiscal year  
8 2027-2028 for spinal cord and head injury research. In accordance with KRS 211.500 to  
9 211.504, the appropriation in each fiscal year shall be shared between the University of  
10 Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

11           **(7) Immunity for Postsecondary Institutions:** Notwithstanding any statute to  
12 the contrary, a public postsecondary institution, including any affiliated corporation, its  
13 officers, employees, and agents, shall be immune from all claims, including class action  
14 claims for damages, a declaratory judgment, and equitable relief based on an act or  
15 omission if:

16           (a) The claim arises out of or in connection with tuition paid to the public  
17 postsecondary institution for an academic term that included the months of March, April,  
18 and May 2020;

19           (b) The claim alleges losses or damages arising from an act or omission by the  
20 public postsecondary institution during or in response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

21           (c) The alleged act or omission of the public postsecondary institution was related  
22 to protecting public health and safety interests in response to the COVID-19 emergency  
23 in compliance with federal, state, or local guidance, including but not limited to:

24           1. Transition to online or otherwise remote instruction;

25           2. Pause or modification to instruction available through the institution of higher  
26 education;

27           3. Closure of, or modification to, operation of on-campus facilities of the public

1 postsecondary institution; or

2 4. The public postsecondary institution offered online and otherwise remote  
 3 learning options that allowed students to complete the coursework in the academic term  
 4 that included the months of March, April, and May 2020 and receive academic credit.

5 **(8) Ovarian Cancer Screening:** Included in the above General Fund  
 6 appropriation is \$960,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$930,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
 7 for the Ovarian Cancer Screening Outreach Program at the University of Kentucky.

8 **(9) Southern Regional Education Board Dues:** Included in the above General  
 9 Fund appropriation is \$224,800 in each fiscal year for Southern Regional Education  
 10 Board dues.

11 **2. KENTUCKY HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
13 General Fund	384,709,400	384,529,400
14 Restricted Funds	62,270,900	62,292,900
15 Federal Funds	86,000	86,000
16 TOTAL	447,066,300	446,908,300

17 **(1) College Access Program:** The following is appropriated for the College  
 18 Access Program in each fiscal year:

- 19 (a) Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4), \$179,344,800 in General Fund;
- 20 (b) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7891, \$1,100,000 in Restricted Funds; and
- 21 (c) \$450,000 in Restricted Funds from the collection of loans related to the  
 22 Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention Scholarship.

23 **(2) Kentucky Tuition Grant Program:** Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4),  
 24 included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$45,975,000 in each fiscal year for  
 25 the Kentucky Tuition Grant Program.

26 **(3) Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award Program:** Notwithstanding KRS  
 27 154A.130(4), included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$7,398,100 in each

1 fiscal year for the National Guard Tuition Award Program.

2 **(4) Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES):** The following is  
3 appropriated for KEES in each fiscal year:

4 (a) Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4), \$93,656,600 in General Fund;

5 (b) \$12,269,100 in Restricted Funds from previous fiscal years' excess Lottery  
6 funds; and

7 (c) \$12,300,000 in Restricted Funds from Unclaimed Lottery Prize revenue.

8 Notwithstanding KRS 164.7874(7)(c) and 164.7879(2)(a), for the 2026-2028 fiscal  
9 biennium, an eligible high school student shall only be eligible for a Kentucky  
10 Educational Excellence Scholarship base award for an academic year in which the  
11 student has attained at least a 2.75 grade point average.

12 **(5) Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program:** Notwithstanding KRS  
13 154A.130(4), included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$12,000,500 in each  
14 fiscal year for the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program. It is the intent of the  
15 General Assembly for Work Ready Kentucky Scholarships to only be awarded to  
16 recipients that complete eligible courses.

17 **(6) Dual Credit Scholarship Program:** (a) Notwithstanding KRS  
18 154A.130(4), included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$21,149,500 in each  
19 fiscal year for the Dual Credit Scholarship Program. Included in the above Restricted  
20 Funds appropriation is \$6,290,100 in each fiscal year from previous years' excess Lottery  
21 funds held in trust and agency account for the Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

22 (b) Notwithstanding KRS 164.786(1)(f) ~~and 164.787(2)(d)~~, the dual credit  
23 tuition rate ceiling shall be one-half of the per credit hour tuition amount charged by the  
24 Kentucky Community and Technical College System for in-state students.  
25 Notwithstanding KRS 164.786(4)(c), eligible high school students may receive a dual  
26 credit scholarship for two career and technical education dual credit courses per academic  
27 year and four general education dual credit courses over the junior and senior years, up to

1 a maximum of 12 approved dual credit courses.

2       **(7) Veterinary Medicine Contract Spaces:** Included in the above General Fund  
3 appropriation is \$5,800,400 in each fiscal year for the Veterinary Medicine Contract  
4 Spaces Program. For students receiving an initial award in fiscal year 2027-2028 or  
5 thereafter, as a condition of the contract space support each recipient shall enter into a  
6 written agreement with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to practice  
7 veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for at least one year for each year  
8 the contract space is received. If a recipient fails to complete the required service within  
9 the timeframe established by the Authority, the total amount of the contract space support  
10 received shall convert to a loan and shall be repaid to the Commonwealth. For any  
11 support converted to a loan, interest shall be assessed and shall accrue on the principal  
12 balance beginning on the date of the first disbursement. The rate of interest shall be  
13 determined by the Authority through the promulgation of administrative regulations. All  
14 repayments, including principal and interest, shall be deposited into a trust and agency  
15 account to be used for future awards. The Authority shall be entitled to recover  
16 reasonable costs of collection and attorney fees in the event of default. Students receiving  
17 contract space support prior to fiscal year 2027-2028 shall not be subject to this service  
18 requirement.

19       **(8) Optometry Scholarship Program:** Included in the above General Fund  
20 appropriation is \$814,500 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$789,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
21 for the Optometry Scholarship Program. For students receiving an initial award in fiscal  
22 year 2027-2028 or thereafter, as a condition of the scholarship each recipient shall enter  
23 into a written agreement with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to  
24 practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for at least one year for each year  
25 the scholarship is received. If a recipient fails to complete the required service  
26 requirement within the timeframe established by the Authority, the scholarship shall be  
27 converted to a loan and be shall repaid to the Commonwealth. For any scholarship

1 converted to a loan, interest shall be assessed and shall accrue on the principal balance  
 2 beginning on the date of the first disbursement. The rate of interest shall be determined  
 3 by the Authority through the promulgation of administrative regulations. All repayments,  
 4 including principal and interest, shall be deposited into a trust and agency account to be  
 5 used for future awards. The Authority shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs of  
 6 collection and attorney fees in the event of default. Students receiving the scholarship  
 7 prior to fiscal year 2027-2028 shall not be subject to this service requirement.

8 **(9) Use of Lottery Revenues:** Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(3) and (4),  
 9 lottery revenues in the amount of \$362,200,000 in each fiscal year are appropriated to the  
 10 Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4)  
 11 and any provisions of this Act to the contrary, if lottery receipts received by the  
 12 Commonwealth, excluding any unclaimed prize money received under Part III, 20. of this  
 13 Act, exceed \$370,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 or \$365,000,000 in each fiscal year of  
 14 the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium, the additional excess shall be transferred to a trust and  
 15 agency account and shall not be expended or appropriated without the express authority  
 16 of the General Assembly.

17 **(10) Redistribution of Resources:** Notwithstanding KRS 164.740 to 164.764,  
 18 164.7890(11)(c), 164.7891(11)(b), and 164.7894, no General Fund is provided for Work  
 19 Study, Coal County Pharmacy Scholarships, Osteopathic Medicine Scholarships, and  
 20 Coal County College Completion Scholarships in order to provide additional funding to  
 21 the College Access Program and Kentucky Tuition Grant Program.

22 **(11) Teacher Scholarship Program:** Included in the above appropriation is  
 23 \$1,015,000 in Restricted Funds in each fiscal year for the Teacher Scholarship Program.  
 24 The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, in coordination with the Council  
 25 on Postsecondary Education, shall submit a report on the number of teacher scholarships  
 26 provided in each fiscal year, the program of study in which recipients are enrolled,  
 27 recipient retention rates, total number of applications, and the impact of the scholarships

1 on recruitment. This report shall be submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on  
 2 Education by September 1 of each fiscal year.

3 **(12) General Administration and Support:** Included in the above General Fund  
 4 appropriation is \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year to support general administration and  
 5 support services.

6 **(13) Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program:** Included  
 7 in the above General Fund appropriation is \$4,800,000 in each fiscal year for the Teacher  
 8 Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program. Notwithstanding KRS  
 9 154A.130(4), of this amount \$2,000,000 shall be allocated from lottery revenues.

10 **(14) Innovative Scholarship Pilot Project:** Notwithstanding KRS 154A.130(4),  
 11 included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$675,500 in each fiscal year for the  
 12 Innovative Scholarship Pilot Project. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance  
 13 Authority shall work in coordination with the Council on Postsecondary Education to  
 14 develop and implement the Innovative Scholarship pilot project.

15 **3. EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
16 General Fund	<u><b>81,658,500</b></u>	<u><b>76,658,500</b></u>
17	<del>[80,209,800]</del>	<del>[73,838,900]</del>
18 Restricted Funds	218,354,400	218,016,300
19 Federal Funds	135,500,000	135,500,000
20 TOTAL	<u><b>435,512,900</b></u>	<u><b>430,174,800</b></u>
21	<del>[434,064,200]</del>	<del>[427,355,200]</del>

22  
 23 **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 24 the following:

- 25 (a) \$4,571,900 in each fiscal year for the Model Laboratory School;
- 26 (b) Notwithstanding KRS 61.5991, \$4,454,900 in each fiscal year to support the  
 27 university's share of the anticipated retirement costs over the university's fiscal year

1 2019-2020 baseline contribution as adjusted and posted under the 2026 Budget Bills tile  
 2 on the Legislative Research Commission's website;{and}

3 (c) \$2,423,200 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth’s Property and  
 4 Casualty Insurance Fund premium; and

5 (d) \$6,500,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
 6 to support the establishment and operations of an air traffic control training program.

7 ~~{(2) Air Traffic Control Training Program: Included in the above General Fund~~  
 8 ~~appropriation is \$6,500,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-~~  
 9 ~~2028 to support the establishment and operations of an air traffic control training~~  
 10 ~~program.}~~

11 **4. KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
13 General Fund	32,198,500	30,198,500
14 Restricted Funds	68,862,300	77,848,400
15 Federal Funds	40,680,600	44,031,000
16 TOTAL	141,741,400	152,077,900

17 **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 18 the following:

19 (a) \$10,381,000 in each fiscal year to fund the state match payments required of  
 20 land-grant universities under federal law;

21 (b) \$473,600 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth’s Property and  
 22 Casualty Insurance Fund premium; and

23 (c) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 for expansion of online offerings.

24 **5. MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
26 General Fund	46,356,100	46,873,100
27 Restricted Funds	113,586,900	113,586,900

1	Federal Funds	47,176,400	47,176,400
2	TOTAL	207,119,400	207,636,400

3       **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 4 the following:

5       (a) \$5,959,800 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$6,476,800 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
 6 for the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics;

7       (b) Notwithstanding KRS 61.5991, \$2,456,500 in each fiscal year to support the  
 8 university's share of the anticipated retirement costs over the university's fiscal year  
 9 2019-2020 baseline contribution as adjusted and posted under the 2026 Budget Bills tile  
 10 on the Legislative Research Commission's website; and

11       (c) \$1,274,400 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth's Property and  
 12 Casualty Insurance Fund premium.

13 **6. MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

		<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
14			
15	General Fund	49,549,600	49,549,600
16	Restricted Funds	159,450,500	159,450,500
17	Federal Funds	26,494,600	26,494,600
18	TOTAL	235,494,700	235,494,700

19       **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 20 the following:

21       (a) \$4,034,200 in each fiscal year for the Breathitt Veterinary Center;

22       (b) Notwithstanding KRS 61.5991, \$1,635,500 in each fiscal year to support the  
 23 university's share of the anticipated retirement costs over the university's fiscal year  
 24 2019-2020 baseline contribution as adjusted and posted under the 2026 Budget Bills tile  
 25 on the Legislative Research Commission's website; and

26       (c) \$1,451,400 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth's Property and  
 27 Casualty Insurance Fund premium.

1 **7. NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
2		
3	<u>57,515,300</u>	<u>59,315,300</u>
4	<del>{56,453,800}</del>	<del>{57,249,300}</del>
5	221,360,100	221,360,100
6	15,450,500	15,450,500
7	<u>294,325,900</u>	<u>296,125,900</u>
8	<del>{293,264,400}</del>	<del>{294,059,900}</del>

9 **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
10 the following:

- 11 (a) \$1,323,900 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Center for Mathematics;  
12 (b) \$1,377,900 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth's Property and  
13 Casualty Insurance Fund premium; and  
14 (c) \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
15 for the Votruba Young Scholars Academy.

16 **8. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
17		
18	500,000	1,500,000
19	<u>298,134,900</u>	<u>298,134,900</u>
20	<del>{292,513,300}</del>	<del>{287,193,700}</del>
21	8,688,499,300	9,509,319,400
22	315,770,000	333,769,000
23	<u>9,302,904,200</u>	<u>10,142,723,300</u>
24	<del>{9,297,282,600}</del>	<del>{10,131,782,100}</del>

25 **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
26 the following:

- 27 (a) \$35,420,800 in each fiscal year for the College of Agriculture, Food and

- 1 Environment's Cooperative Extension Service. Of this amount, \$4,145,500 in each fiscal  
 2 year is provided to support extension agent compensation;
- 3 (b) \$31,434,100 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment  
 4 Station;
- 5 (c) \$10,176,200 in each fiscal year for the Center for Applied Energy Research;
- 6 (d) \$4,076,300 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Geological Survey;
- 7 (e) \$4,034,200 in each fiscal year for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory;
- 8 (f) \$2,040,500 in each fiscal year for the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging;
- 9 (g) \$1,800,000 in each fiscal year for the College of Agriculture, Food and  
 10 Environment's Division of Regulatory Services;
- 11 (h) \$600,000 in each fiscal year for the College of Agriculture, Food and  
 12 Environment's Kentucky Small Business Development Center;
- 13 (i) \$586,300 in each fiscal year for the University Press of Kentucky;
- 14 (j) \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the Human Development Institute for the  
 15 Supported Higher Education Project;
- 16 (k) \$450,200 in each fiscal year for the Center of Excellence in Rural Health;
- 17 (l) \$950,200 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Cancer Registry;
- 18 (m) \$100,000 in each fiscal year for the Sports Medicine Research Institute; and
- 19 (n) \$10,750,900 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth's Property and  
 20 Casualty Insurance Fund Premium.
- 21 **(2) Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program:** Costs associated with the  
 22 procurement of an Early Site Permit (10 C.F.R. secs. 52.12 et seq.), a Construction  
 23 Permit (10 C.F.R. pt. 50), or a Combined Operating License (10 C.F.R. secs. 52.71 et  
 24 seq.) from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for up to three projects  
 25 under the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program shall be deemed a necessary  
 26 government expense and shall be paid from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS  
 27 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in an amount not to

1 exceed \$75,000,000 for the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium. Any such expenditure shall be  
 2 subject to the prior written approval of the State Budget Director and shall be limited to  
 3 one-third of the actual costs incurred per project, not to exceed \$25,000,000 per project.

4 **(3) Kindergarten Readiness Program:** Included in the above General Fund  
 5 (Tobacco) appropriation is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal  
 6 year 2027-2028 to establish the Kindergarten Readiness Performance-Based Child-Care  
 7 Incentive Pilot Program. This appropriation is from the lapse and reallocation of Early  
 8 Childhood Development Fund appropriations set forth in Part X of this Act.

9 **(4) Energy Planning and Inventory Commission:** In fiscal year 2026-2027,  
 10 \$15,000,000 of the funds authorized in 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1, (207) shall be  
 11 allocated to the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission.

12 **9. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
13		
14	2,750,000	-0-
15	<u>138,206,200</u>	<u>138,206,200</u>
16	<del>135,615,900</del>	<del>133,164,800</del>
17	1,515,148,500	1,547,903,100
18	196,365,300	200,610,300
19	<u>1,852,470,000</u>	<u>1,886,719,600</u>
20	<del>1,849,879,700</del>	<del>1,881,678,200</del>

21 **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 22 the following:

- 23 (a) \$695,200 in each fiscal year for the Rural Health Education Program;
- 24 (b) \$150,000 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Autism Training Center;
- 25 (c) \$100,000 in each fiscal year for the School of Dentistry to provide dental care  
 26 to patients with dental issues related to drug use;
- 27 (d) \$150,000 in each fiscal year for the Mid-South REACH Grant; and

1 (e) \$5,801,100 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth’s Property and  
 2 Casualty Insurance Fund premium.

3 (2) **Cancer Research:** Included in the above General Fund (Tobacco)  
 4 appropriation is \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to fund cancer research at the  
 5 Brown Cancer Center. This appropriation is from the lapse and reallocation of Early  
 6 Childhood Development Fund appropriations set forth in Part X of this Act.

7 **10. WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
9 General Fund	<u>81,682,600</u>	<u>82,199,600</u>
10	<del>[80,142,600]</del>	<del>[79,202,300]</del>
11 Restricted Funds	279,343,600	280,343,600
12 Federal Funds	44,143,300	44,143,300
13 TOTAL	<u>405,169,500</u>	<u>406,686,500</u>
14	<del>[403,629,500]</del>	<del>[403,689,200]</del>

15 (1) **Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
 16 the following:

17 (a) \$5,959,800 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$6,476,800 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
 18 for the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky;

19 (b) \$1,750,000 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Mesonet;

20 (c) Notwithstanding KRS 61.5991, \$1,412,000 in each fiscal year to support the  
 21 university's share of the anticipated retirement costs over the university's fiscal year  
 22 2019-2020 baseline contribution as adjusted and posted under the 2026 Budget Bills tile  
 23 on the Legislative Research Commission's website; and

24 (d) \$1,866,900 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth’s Property and  
 25 Casualty Insurance Fund premium.

26 **11. KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
27		

1	General Fund	<u>182,861,500</u>	<u>182,861,500</u>
2		<del>{179,381,700}</del>	<del>{176,089,000}</del>
3	Restricted Funds	556,045,700	561,002,400
4	Federal Funds	295,517,000	295,516,800
5	TOTAL	<u>1,034,424,200</u>	<u>1,039,380,700</u>
6		<del>{1,030,944,400}</del>	<del>{1,032,608,200}</del>

7       **(1) Mandated Programs:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation are  
8 the following:

- 9       (a) \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year for KCTCS-TRAINS;
- 10       (b) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Adult Agriculture Education; and
- 11       (c) \$3,164,800 in each fiscal year to support the Commonwealth’s Property and  
12 Casualty Insurance Fund premium.

13       **(2) Firefighters Foundation Program Fund:** (a) Included in the above  
14 Restricted Funds appropriation is \$64,160,100 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$63,175,400  
15 in fiscal year 2027-2028 for the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund.

16       (b) Notwithstanding KRS 95A.250(1)(a), included in the above Restricted Funds  
17 appropriation are sufficient funds for an incentive payment of \$4,653 in fiscal year 2026-  
18 2027 and \$4,746 in fiscal year 2027-2028, plus an amount equal to the required  
19 employer’s contribution on the supplement in each fiscal year for each qualified  
20 professional firefighter under the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund. KRS  
21 95A.250(1)(b) to (e) shall remain applicable, except that the administrative expense  
22 reimbursement cap under KRS 95A.250(1)(e)(3) shall not exceed \$500,000.

23       (c) Notwithstanding KRS 95A.262(2), included in the above Restricted Funds  
24 appropriation is \$15,300 in each fiscal year for aid payments for each qualified volunteer  
25 fire department.

26       (d) Notwithstanding KRS 95A.200 to 95A.300, \$18,800,000 in fiscal year 2026-  
27 2027 shall be transferred to support projects as set forth in Part II, Capital Projects

1 Budget, of this Act.

2 (e) Notwithstanding KRS 95A.200 to 95A.300, included in the above Restricted  
3 Funds appropriation is \$1,869,900 in each fiscal year for the State Fire Rescue Training  
4 mandated program.

5 (f) Notwithstanding KRS 95A.200 to 95A.300, included in the above Restricted  
6 Funds appropriation is \$1,556,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to be transferred to the  
7 Replace Unsafe Fire Equipment capital project for the Energy and Environment Cabinet  
8 as set forth in Part II, Capital Projects Budget, of this Act.

9 **(3) Firefighters Training Center Fund:** Notwithstanding KRS 95A.262(3),  
10 \$1,000,000 in Restricted Funds is provided in each fiscal year for the Firefighters  
11 Training Center Fund.

12 **(4) Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracts:** Notwithstanding  
13 KRS 56.770 and 56.774, guaranteed energy savings performance contracts may be  
14 executed for buildings operated by the Kentucky Community and Technical College  
15 System under agreements governed by KRS 164.593.

16 **(5) Disposition of KCTCS Property:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.777, the KCTCS  
17 governing board may elect to sell or dispose of real property or major equipment and  
18 proceeds that are surplus to its needs and retain the proceeds of any sale.

19 **(6) Other Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund:** By October 1, 2026, the  
20 President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is  
21 directed to have determined the actuarial liabilities of the KCTCS Other Postemployment  
22 Trust Fund effective December 31, 2026, and provide a report to the Interim Joint  
23 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. By January 1, 2027, with the assistance of  
24 the State Budget Director and the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet,  
25 the President of KCTCS shall submit a plan to the Legislative Research Commission to  
26 have the difference between the balance of the KCTCS Other Postemployment Benefits  
27 Trust Fund and the actuarial liabilities of the fund transferred to the Budget Reserve Trust

1 Fund Account (KRS 48.705). It is the intent of the 2026 General Assembly to take action  
 2 on the plan submitted to the Legislative Research Commission in the 2027 Regular  
 3 Session.

4 (7) **Commonwealth West Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center - Carry**  
 5 **Forward of Appropriation Balance:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the Federal Fund  
 6 appropriation balance from 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, J., 11., (6) shall not lapse and  
 7 shall carry forward.

8 **12. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PERFORMANCE FUND**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
9		
10	115,000,000	115,000,000
11	<b>TOTAL - POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION</b>	

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
12		
13	9,415,900	7,245,500
14	<u>1,482,090,500</u>	<u>1,481,223,300</u>
15	<del>1,466,348,600</del>	<del>1,450,585,300</del>
16	11,894,631,900	12,760,149,500
17	1,123,312,500	1,148,968,000
18	<u>14,509,450,800</u>	<u>15,397,586,300</u>
19	<del>14,493,708,900</del>	<del>15,366,948,300</del>

20 ➔Section 10. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part II, J., 2., 006.  
 21 Aviation Acquisition Pool – 2026-2028, at page 148, is amended to read as follows:

22 **001. Aviation Acquisition Pool - 2026-2028**

23	Restricted Funds	-0-	5,000,000	-0-
24	<u>Agency Bonds</u> <del>[Bond Funds]</del>	-0-	10,000,000	-0-
25	TOTAL	-0-	15,000,000	-0-

26 ➔Section 11. 2026 Regular Session HB 500/VO in Part, Part II, J., 3., 001. Asset  
 27 Preservation Pool – 2026-2028, at page 149, is amended to read as follows:





	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	
1				
2	General Fund (Tobacco)	-0-	86,675,000	79,524,900
3	General Fund	-0-	<u>15,416,033,400</u>	<u>15,689,035,300</u>
4			<del>[15,416,488,000]</del>	<del>[15,693,139,800]</del>
5	Restricted Funds	167,270,800	36,758,843,000	17,473,179,100
6	Federal Funds	405,900,000	25,078,079,100	24,169,575,800
7	Road Fund	-0-	55,582,600	57,940,100
8	Bond Funds	-0-	<u>648,161,000</u>	<u>330,714,000</u>
9			<del>[1,033,161,000]</del>	<del>[387,474,000]</del>
10	Agency Bonds	-0-	<u>1,650,800,000</u>	<u>79,400,000</u>
11			<del>[1,250,800,000]</del>	<del>[0]</del>
12	Investment Income	-0-	183,324,000	105,633,000
13	Other Funds	350,000,000	9,427,800,000	200,000,000
14	TOTAL FUNDS	923,170,800	<u>89,305,298,100</u>	<u>58,185,002,200</u>
15			<del>[89,290,752,700]</del>	<del>[58,166,466,700]</del>

16       ➔Section 18. 2026 Regular Session HB 501/VO, Part I, A., 1., (6) On-Site Work,  
17 at page 3, is amended to read as follows:

18       **(6) On-Site Work:** Notwithstanding any statute or administrative regulation to  
19 the contrary, beginning July 1, 2027, employees of the Transportation Cabinet shall not  
20 be permitted to telecommute unless specifically exempted by the Secretary of the  
21 Transportation Cabinet. All exemptions to allow employees to telecommute shall be  
22 reported to the Legislative Research Commission on a quarterly basis beginning August  
23 1, 2026.

24       ➔Section 19. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the balance of the General Fund  
25 appropriation authorized in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, B., 1., (12) shall not lapse and  
26 shall carry forward. Projects considered for KPDI funding shall meet the requirements  
27 under KRS 154.21-017.

1           ➔Section 20. The unexpended balance of \$67,724,700 from the fiscal year 2023-  
2 2024 General Fund appropriation set out in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, N., 1. to  
3 implement pay raises for state employees shall remain unexpended, and notwithstanding  
4 KRS 42.205, 45.229, 48.700, and 48.705, the balance shall be a part of the designated  
5 fund balance and be carried forward for budgeted purposes into fiscal year 2026-2027.

6           ➔Section 21. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
7 of \$2,570,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
8 established in KRS 48.705 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit to support  
9 additional costs to local school districts associated with the implementation of the new  
10 education assessment and accountability system.

11           ➔Section 22. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the  
12 Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$3,960,000 in each  
13 fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Public Health budget unit to support  
14 the costs of workforce and operations for the local health departments.

15           ➔Section 23. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the  
16 Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$3,000,000 in fiscal  
17 year 2026-2027 to the Kentucky State University budget unit to support the transition to a  
18 residential polytechnic institution.

19           ➔Section 24. The Kentucky Exposition Center Redevelopment Plan Phase II  
20 project authorized in 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175, Part II, K., 4., 008. is hereby reauthorized  
21 and there is hereby appropriated additional General Fund moneys from the Budget  
22 Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$27,000,000 in fiscal year  
23 2026-2027 to the Kentucky State Fair Board budget unit for the project.

24           ➔Section 25. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the  
25 Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal  
26 year 2026-2027 to the Kentucky State Fair Board budget unit for the Louisville  
27 Transportation Tunnel feasibility study.

1       ➔Section 26. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the  
2 Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$1,250,000 in fiscal  
3 year 2026-2027 to the Vehicle Regulation budget unit to be distributed to the Motor  
4 Vehicle Commission for the licensing, oversight, management, and enforcement of all  
5 penalties and violations of the secondary metal recyclers.

6       ➔Section 27. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 10, at pages 2 to 3, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8       There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
9 Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-  
10 2028 fiscal biennium to the **Residential Housing Infrastructure Fund**~~[Residential  
11 Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund].~~

12       ➔Section 28. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 13, at page 3, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14       There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
15 Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year of the  
16 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Economic Development budget unit to support the  
17 Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program.  
18 **Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, \$1,100,000 of the funds appropriated for administrative**  
19 **expenses in 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1 (13) shall not lapse and shall carry forward.**

20       ➔Section 29. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 218, at page 42, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22       ~~[There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$75,000 in  
23 fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
24 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the City  
25 of Madisonville to support roof construction for a community center.]~~

26       ➔Section 30. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
27 of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account

1 established in KRS 48.705 to the Parks budget unit under the Tourism, Arts and Heritage  
2 Cabinet to be distributed to Leeco Park.

3 ➔Section 31. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 80, at page 16, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
6 \$1,500,000~~[\$3,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
7 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Parks budget unit under the Tourism, Arts and  
8 Heritage Cabinet to be distributed to Natural Bridge State Park for dredging of Hoedown  
9 Island Lake.

10 ➔Section 32. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 86, at page 18, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$3,000,000 in  
13 fiscal year 2026-2027~~[2027-2028]~~ from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
14 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
15 distributed to the Louisville Ballet to support touring infrastructure, facility  
16 improvements, and restoring live music at performances.

17 ➔Section 33. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 111, at page 22, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 ~~[There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$9,200,000 in  
20 fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
21 48.705 to the Operations and Support Services budget unit under the Kentucky  
22 Department of Education to be distributed to the Christian County Chamber of  
23 Commerce to support the expansion of critical water infrastructure in the City of Oak  
24 Grove.]~~

25 ➔Section 34. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 112, at pages 22 to 23,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$504,000 in

1 fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
 2 48.705 to the Learning and Results Services~~[Department for Local Government]~~ budget  
 3 unit to be distributed to the Christian County Board of Education to purchase vehicles  
 4 and provide equipment for the Christian County Public Schools school-based law  
 5 enforcement agency.

6 ➔Section 35. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 114, at page 23, is  
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$2,500,000 in  
 9 each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium~~[\$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028]~~  
 10 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the  
 11 Department for Aviation budget unit to be distributed to the Perry County Fiscal Court to  
 12 support the Wendell H. Ford Airport runway expansion project.

13 ➔Section 36. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 119, at page 24, is  
 14 amended to read as follows:

15 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 16 \$6,400,000~~[\$7,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 17 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department of Aviation budget unit to be  
 18 distributed to the Williamsburg-Whitley County Airport to support the runway addition  
 19 project.

20 ➔Section 37. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 21 of \$600,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 22 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 23 distributed to the Trigg County Fiscal Court to construct an ambulance service building.

24 ➔Section 38. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 214, at page 41, is  
 25 amended to read as follows:

26 ~~[There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$1,000,000 in~~  
 27 ~~each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund~~

1 ~~Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit~~  
 2 ~~to be distributed to the Jackson County Fiscal Court to support improvements and~~  
 3 ~~upgrades to the Jackson County Fairgrounds.]~~

4 →Section 39. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 5 of \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium from the Budget  
 6 Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local  
 7 Government budget unit to be distributed to the Harlan County Fiscal Court for  
 8 Backroads of Appalachia.

9 →Section 40. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 145, at page 28, is  
 10 amended to read as follows:

11 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 12 \$3,000,000~~[\$4,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 13 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit  
 14 to be distributed to the City of Ashland for repairs and renovations at the Paramount  
 15 Theater.

16 →Section 41. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 17 of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 18 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 19 distributed to the Adair County Fiscal Court for various projects.

20 →Section 42. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 21 of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 22 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 23 distributed to the City of Grayson to purchase a fire truck.

24 →Section 43. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 25 of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 26 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 27 distributed to Greenbo Lake State Resort Park to support expansion and land acquisition.

1       ➔Section 44. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 210, at page 40, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$500,000 in  
4 fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve  
5 Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Economic Development budget  
6 unit, to work in collaboration with the Boyd County Fiscal Court, to support upgrades  
7 and improvements of the Camp Landing Entertainment District. **Of the amount**  
8 **appropriated in fiscal year 2027-2028, \$300,000 shall be distributed to the Archery**  
9 **Program.**

10       ➔Section 45. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 115, at page 23, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12       ~~{There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$320,000 in~~  
13 ~~fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS~~  
14 ~~48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Knox~~  
15 ~~County Industrial Development Authority for Knox County land acquisition.}~~

16       ➔Section 46. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 124, at page 25, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18       ~~{There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$1,250,000 in~~  
19 ~~fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS~~  
20 ~~48.705 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the Knox~~  
21 ~~County Utility Commission to replace a 200,000-gallon water tank.}~~

22       ➔Section 47. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 212, at page 40, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24       There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$325,000 in  
25 each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
26 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit  
27 to be distributed to the **City of Barbourville**~~{Barbourville Utility Commission}~~ **for**

1 necessary infrastructure upgrades and associated equipment needs at the park~~to~~  
 2 ~~support utilities improvements~~].

3 ➔Section 48. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 123, at pages 24 to 25,  
 4 is amended to read as follows:

5 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 6 \$750,000~~[\$500,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 7 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit  
 8 to be distributed to the City of Barbourville to purchase a county-wide emergency  
 9 warning system.

10 ➔Section 49. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 55, at page 12, is  
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$4,000,000 in  
 13 fiscal year 2026-2027~~[2027-2028]~~ from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 14 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 15 distributed to the Pikeville Medical Center to construct a Childcare Academy.

16 ➔Section 50. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 215, at page 41, is  
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 19 \$17,000,000~~[\$10,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 20 Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Economic Development budget unit to be  
 21 distributed to the Christian County Fiscal Court for the purchase of debt held by Planters  
 22 Bank against real estate owned by Hopkinsville Industrial Foundation in or around  
 23 Commerce Park II. The Cabinet for Economic Development shall arrange normal and  
 24 ordinary terms for repayment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a term of ten years.  
 25 No interest shall accrue at any time during the term of the loan.

26 ➔Section 51. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 245, at pages 46 to 47,  
 27 is amended to read as follows:

1           There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 2     \$200,000~~[\$100,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 3     Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit  
 4     to be distributed to the Lincoln County Fiscal Court to support historical property  
 5     renovations~~[ support the construction and improvement of the entrance to the Isaac~~  
 6     ~~Shelby Cemetery]~~.

7           ➔Section 52. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 269, at page 51, is  
 8     amended to read as follows:

9           There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$200,000 in  
 10    fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
 11    48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the  
 12    Lincoln County Fiscal Court to support the Logan's Fort Master Plan~~[Fort Logan master~~  
 13    ~~and construction plan]~~.

14          ➔Section 53. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 92, at page 19, is  
 15    amended to read as follows:

16          There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$4,000,000 in  
 17    fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
 18    48.705 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the  
 19    Lincoln~~[Boyle]~~ County Fiscal Court to support the US 150 Corridor project to expand  
 20    water capacity, improve system resiliency, and support long-term economic growth in  
 21    Lincoln, Rockcastle and Garrard Counties.

22          ➔Section 54. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 24, at page 6, is  
 23    amended to read as follows:

24          There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
 25    Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$15,100,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and  
 26    \$14,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to the General Administration and Support budget  
 27    unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within

1 Kentucky as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS  
 2 174.210(3). No local match shall be required.

3 ➔Section 55. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 9, at page 2, is amended  
 4 to read as follows:

5 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
 6 Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$25,000,000 in each fiscal year of the  
 7 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Economic Development budget unit to support the  
 8 Kentucky Product Development Initiative. The Cabinet for Economic Development may  
 9 retain up to \$180,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to reimburse  
 10 the Kentucky Association for Economic Development for technical support and  
 11 evaluation services.

12 ➔Section 56. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 251, at page 48, is  
 13 amended to read as follows:

14 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$100,000 in  
 15 fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$200,000~~[\$300,000]~~ in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget  
 16 Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local  
 17 Government budget unit to be distributed to the Spencer County Fiscal Court to support  
 18 renovations to a historical site in collaboration with the Felix Grundy Stidger Historic  
 19 Preservation Foundation.

20 ➔Section 57. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 278, at page 53, is  
 21 amended to read as follows:

22 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 23 \$2,256,000~~[\$1,750,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027~~each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal~~  
 24 ~~biennium]~~ from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to  
 25 the Economic Development budget unit to be distributed to the Greater Owensboro  
 26 Economic Development Authority to support the Landing Entrepreneurship Center.

27 ➔Section 58. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 209, at page 40, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 3 \$4,621,900~~[\$4,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$5,178,000~~[\$4,556,000]~~ in fiscal  
 4 year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705  
 5 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Daviess  
 6 County Fiscal Court to construct an emergency operations facility.

7 ➔Section 59. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 8 of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 9 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 10 distributed to the Knox County Fiscal Court for the purchase of sensory playground  
 11 equipment.

12 ➔Section 60. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 13 of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 14 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 15 distributed to the Knox County Fiscal Court for necessary infrastructure upgrades and  
 16 associated equipment needs at the park.

17 ➔Section 61. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 18 of \$510,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 19 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 20 distributed to the East Knox County Fire Department for the purchase of a substation and  
 21 other necessary improvements.

22 ➔Section 62. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 23 of \$38,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 24 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 25 distributed to the Artemus Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of equipment and  
 26 infrastructure upgrades.

27 ➔Section 63. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount

1 of \$72,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 2 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 3 distributed to the Bailey Switch Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of equipment  
 4 and infrastructure upgrades.

5 ➔Section 64. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 6 of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 7 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
 8 distributed to the Richland Fire Department for the purchase of equipment and  
 9 infrastructure upgrades.

10 ➔Section 65. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 262, at page 50, is  
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of ~~[\$2,000,000 in~~  
 13 ~~fiscal year 2026-2027 and]~~ \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve  
 14 Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government  
 15 budget unit to be distributed to the Shelby County Fiscal Court to support **public health**  
 16 **initiatives, including but not limited to improving emergency medical services,**  
 17 **healthcare access, and public health infrastructure in Shelby County**~~[a healthcare~~  
 18 ~~facility].~~

19 ➔Section 66. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 20 of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 21 established in KRS 48.705 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit to be  
 22 distributed to the Shelby County Board of Education to support the middle school career  
 23 center program.

24 ➔Section 67. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
 25 of \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 26 established in KRS 48.705 to the School Facilities Construction Commission budget unit  
 27 to be distributed to the Christian County Board of Education to construct a new bus

1 garage.

2 →Section 68. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
3 of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
4 established in KRS 48.705 to the Legislative Research Commission budget unit for  
5 security during the 2026 Southern Legislative Conference.

6 →Section 69. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
7 of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
8 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
9 distributed to the Lee County Fiscal Court to support park improvements.

10 →Section 70. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
11 of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
12 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
13 distributed to the City of Beattyville to support sewer equipment.

14 →Section 71. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
15 of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
16 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
17 distributed to the Wolfe County Fiscal Court to support road department equipment.

18 →Section 72. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount  
19 of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
20 established in KRS 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be  
21 distributed to the Jackson County Fiscal Court to support park upgrades.

22 →Section 73. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 261, at pages 49 to 50,  
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$1,500,000 in  
25 fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
26 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the  
27 Garrard County Fiscal Court to support water, ~~economic development as it relates to~~

1 ~~water and] sewer, or infrastructure. [Funds appropriated in this section shall not be~~  
 2 ~~expended on roads.]~~

3 ➔Section 74. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 43, at page 10, is  
 4 amended to read as follows:

5 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$750,000 in  
 6 fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS  
 7 48.705 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Bell  
 8 County Fiscal Court for the purchase of **firefighting vehicles and the construction of a**  
 9 **building**~~[two new pumper fire trucks].~~

10 ➔Section 75. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 75, at pages 15 to 16, is  
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$3,000,000 in  
 13 fiscal year **2026-2027**~~[2027-2028]~~ from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
 14 established in KRS 48.705 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be  
 15 distributed to the Wolfe County Sanitation District for Phase I and Phase II of the Hazel  
 16 Green wastewater treatment project.

17 ➔Section 76. 2026 Regular Session HB 900/EN, Section 283, at pages 53 to 54,  
 18 is amended to read as follows:

19 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
 20 **\$900,000**~~[\$1,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
 21 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established in KRS 48.705 to the  
 22 Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Lincoln County  
 23 Fiscal Court to support economic development as it relates to water, sewer, **or**~~and]  
 24 infrastructure. [Funds shall not be expended on roads.]~~

25 ➔Section 77. Whereas the provisions of this Act provide ongoing support for  
 26 state government agencies and their functions, an emergency is declared to exist, and this  
 27 Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise

1 becoming a law.