

151B.409 Adult education and literacy initiative fund.

- (1) There is created in the Education and Labor Cabinet a special fund to be known as the adult education and literacy initiative fund, which shall consist of moneys appropriated by the General Assembly, gifts, grants, other sources of funding, public and private, and interest accrued by the fund. This fund shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year but shall be carried forward to be used only for the purposes specified in this section. Moneys accumulated in this fund on June 27, 2019, shall remain in the fund and be transferred to the Education and Labor Cabinet to be used for purposes stated in this section.
- (2) The purpose of the adult education and literacy initiative fund shall be to support strategies for adult education, to provide statewide initiatives for excellence, and to provide funds for research and development activities.
- (3) The cabinet shall establish the guidelines for the use, distribution, and administration of the fund, financial incentives, technical assistance, and other support for strategic planning; and guidelines for fiscal agents to assess county and area needs and to develop strategies to meet those needs.
- (4) The fund shall include the following strategies:
 - (a) Statewide initiatives. Funds shall be used to encourage collaboration with other organizations, stimulate development of models of adult education programs that may be replicated elsewhere in the state, provide incentives for adults, employers, and providers to encourage adults to establish and accomplish learning contracts, provide incentives to encourage participation in adult education, assist providers of county and area programs in areas of highest need, and for other initiatives of regional or statewide significance as determined by the cabinet. The statewide reading research center established under KRS 164.0207 shall evaluate the reading and literacy components of model programs funded under this paragraph.
 - (b) Research and demonstration. The funds shall be used to develop:
 1. Standards for the preparation, professional development, and support for adult educators with the advice of the Office of Adult Education and as compatible with funds provided under Title II of the Federal Workforce Investment Act;
 2. A statewide competency-based certification for transferable skills in the workplace; and
 3. A statewide public information and marketing campaign.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/7/97). Although designated to be created as a new section of KRS Chapter 164 by 1997 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 1, sec. 150, this statute has been codified into KRS Chapter 151B under KRS 7.136(1)(a) and (h) because its subject matter clearly belongs within that chapter.