

CHAPTER 95

(SB 164)

AN ACT relating to the Imagination Library of Kentucky Program and making an appropriation therefor.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Imagination Library of Kentucky Program is hereby established. The purpose of the program shall be to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative for encouraging preschool children to develop a love of reading and learning. For purposes of this section, "state program" means the Imagination Library of Kentucky Program.*
- (2) *State program funds shall be used to provide, through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, one (1) age-appropriate book to each registered child from birth to age five (5) in participating counties. Books shall be sent monthly to each child's home at no cost to families. The state program shall contribute the fifty percent (50%) match of the funds, if available, required of local programs participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.*
- (3) *The Department for Libraries and Archives shall administer the state program, including but not limited to:*
 - (a) *Promoting the statewide development of county-level Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs;*
 - (b) *Advancing and strengthening local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs with the goal of increasing family enrollment in those programs;*
 - (c) *Recruiting volunteers to assist in the development, promotion, and coordination of the state program;*
 - (d) *Soliciting donations, gifts, and other funding to financially support the local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs;*
 - (e) *Developing community engagement;*
 - (f) *Administering the state and local programs' dollar matching requirements;*
 - (g) *Coordinating the collection and remittance of local program costs for books and mailing; and*
 - (h) *Developing statewide marketing and communication plans.*
- (4) *(a) The Imagination Library of Kentucky Program trust fund is hereby created as a trust fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department for Libraries and Archives for the purposes set forth in this section.*
 - (b) *The trust fund shall consist of state general fund appropriations, gifts and grants from public and private sources, and federal funds. All moneys included in the fund shall be appropriated for the purposes set forth in this section.*
 - (c) *Any unallotted or unencumbered balances in the trust fund shall be invested as provided in KRS 42.500(9). Income earned from the investments shall be credited to the trust fund.*
 - (d) *Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any fund balance at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year and continuously appropriated only for the purposes specified in this section.*

Signed by Governor April 8, 2022.