

CHAPTER 20**(HB 444)**

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. General Fund moneys in the amount of \$89,320,800 from the General Fund appropriation of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 set out in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, N., 1. is hereby transferred as follows:

(1) \$65,351,800 to the State Salary and Compensation Fund budget unit within the Personnel Cabinet in fiscal year 2023-2024 for a six percent salary increase for state employees effective July 1, 2023. Notwithstanding KRS 18A.355, relating to anniversary date, and notwithstanding KRS 156.808(6)(e) and 163.032(1), a six percent salary increase is provided, effective July 1, 2023, on the base salary or wages of each eligible state employee. For these purposes, there is hereby appropriated Road Fund moneys in the amount of \$11,381,400 in fiscal year 2023-2024, Restricted Funds in the amount of \$18,029,800 in fiscal year 2023-2024, and Federal Funds in the amount of \$14,386,400 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the State Salary and Compensation Fund budget unit within the Personnel Cabinet. The State Budget Director shall determine the necessary amount of funds from these appropriations, by budget unit. The State Budget Director shall notify the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet of the respective amounts from the Fund to transfer to each affected budget unit. The State Budget Director shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on the implementation of this provision by December 1, 2023;

(2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the General Operations budget unit within the Personnel Cabinet to provide additional contractual resources to complete the job classification reviews. The job classification reviews shall be completed by November 1, 2023, and shall be reported to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue;

(3) \$1,874,400 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Legislative Research Commission budget unit in the Legislative Branch for a six percent salary increase on the base salary and wages of each eligible employee effective July 1, 2023; and

(4) \$21,594,600 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Court Operations and Administration budget unit in the Judicial Branch to provide a \$2,000 salary increase followed by a six percent increase on the base salary and wages of each eligible employee effective July 1, 2023, for elected and non-elected personnel. For these purposes, there is hereby appropriated Restricted Funds in the amount of \$1,698,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and Federal Funds in the amount of \$137,800 in fiscal year 2023-2024.

➔Section 2. Whereas the operations of governmental agencies are imperative for the betterment of the Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor March 17, 2023.