

## CHAPTER 223

( SB 91 )

*Provisions of this bill that are to be deleted due to vetoes of the Governor that were not overridden by the General Assembly are displayed as bracketed text with intervening strikethrough and enclosed in double asterisks, e.g.,*  
*\*\*[text]\*\*.*

AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (14), at page 2, is amended to read as follows:

(14) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the City of Albany to support reduction ~~of and~~ water loss;

➔Section 2. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (23), at page 3, is amended to read as follows:

(23) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the ***Powell Valley Water District***~~{City of Powell Valley}~~ for water and sewer expansion near the Red River Gorge;

➔Section 3. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (24), at page 3, is amended to read as follows:

(24) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the ***Beech Fork Water Commission***~~{City of Beech Fork}~~ for water and sewer expansion near the Red River Gorge;

➔Section 4. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (35), at page 5, is amended to read as follows:

(35) \$8,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the Woodford County Fiscal Court to support a wastewater project ***in the community of Millville*** in conjunction with the ***City of Frankfort***~~{Frankfort Plant Board}~~;

➔Section 5. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (44), at page 6, is amended to read as follows:

(44) \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to be distributed to the City of Georgetown for various ***water and*** wastewater infrastructure projects for Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service;

➔Section 6. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (45), at page 6, is amended to read as follows:

(45) \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to Louisville Metro Government ***and allocated at the sole discretion of its Economic Development Department*** for the revitalization of downtown Louisville to include these projects:

- (a) The Belvedere;
- (b) Community Care Campus;
- (c) LOUMED Campus;
- (d) Louisville Gardens;
- (e) Downtown Vacant ***Buildings***~~{Lot}~~ Revitalization; and
- (f) Butchertown Sports District;

➔Section 7. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (52), at page 7, is amended to read as follows:

(52) ~~\$1,000,000~~~~[\$2,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025 *and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026* to the ~~Attorney General~~~~[Department for Local Government]~~ budget unit to ~~[be distributed to the City of Paducah to]~~~~create an electric reliability defense program~~~~[support the Build Ready Grant for the City of Paducah Infrastructure project];~~

➔Section 8. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (53), at page 7, is amended to read as follows:

(53) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *City of Kevil*~~[Kevil Rural Fire Department]~~ to support upgrades and enhancements for the Kevil Fire Station;

➔Section 9. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (95), at page 12, is amended to read as follows:

(95) \$850,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the *Department of Parks*~~[Department for Local Government]~~ budget unit ~~[to be distributed to the City of Perryville]~~ for the restoration of the Dye House on the grounds of the Perryville Battlefield *State Historic Site*;

➔Section 10. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (100), at page 12, is amended to read as follows:

(100) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *Lincoln High School Historical Foundation in Paducah*~~[Lincoln County Fiscal Court]~~ for a *civic center*~~[the Lincoln Civic Center]~~ project;

➔Section 11. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (101), at page 12, is amended to read as follows:

(101) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *City of Elizabethtown*~~[Hardin County Fiscal Court]~~ for the Elizabethtown Parks and Trails Conservancy;

➔Section 12. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (106), at page 13, is amended to read as follows:

(106) \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *Center for Rural Development*~~[Lake Cumberland Area Development District]~~ for a regional training center *in collaboration with the Lake Cumberland Area Development District*;

➔Section 13. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (122), at page 14, is amended to read as follows:

(122) \$100,000 in each fiscal year to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to *The Nest in Lexington*~~[the Fayette County Fiscal Court]~~ to support *operations*~~[The Nest in Lexington]~~;

➔Section 14. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (130), at page 15, is amended to read as follows:

(130) \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of Booneville for *land acquisition and renovations*~~[city renovations]~~;

➔Section 15. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (131), at page 15, is amended to read as follows:

(131) \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Owsley County Fiscal Court for land acquisition, *reclamation, and renovations*;

➔Section 16. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (132), at page 15, is amended to read as follows:

(132) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *City of Booneville*~~[Owsley County Fiscal Court]~~ for a *home development*~~[homeless]~~ initiative;

➔Section 17. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (134), at page 16, is amended to read as follows:

(134) \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of Corbin for *land acquisition, construction, and renovations* for a tourism initiative;

➔Section 18. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (137), at page 16, is amended to read as follows:

(137) \$8,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Knox County Fiscal Court for ***land acquisition and renovations for a new county administrative office***~~[a new County Administrative Office]~~;

➔Section 19. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (139), at page 16, is amended to read as follows:

(139) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Clay County Fiscal Court for construction of ***multipurpose buildings and renovations***~~[a Multi-Purpose Building]~~;

➔Section 20. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (140), at page 16, is amended to read as follows:

(140) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to ICC for ***land acquisition, construction, and joint projects for*** various economic development projects;

➔Section 21. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (146), at page 17, is amended to read as follows:

(146) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to ***Shaping***~~[Save]~~ Our Appalachian Region for remote talent attraction;

➔Section 22. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (152), at page 17, is amended to read as follows:

(152) \$11,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of Frankfort to support construction of the Frankfort Convention Center subject to ***a dollar-for-dollar match***~~[funding the project balance of \$22,500,000]~~;

➔Section 23. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (160), at page 18, is amended to read as follows:

(160) \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the ***Cabinet for Economic Development***~~[Department of Agriculture]~~ budget unit to support matching funds under the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program ***of 2024. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to Grant Ready Kentucky.*** Notwithstanding KRS 147A.158(3)(b), no more than \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 shall be used for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward;

➔Section 24. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (172), at page 20, is amended to read as follows:

(172) \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Economic Development budget unit to support approved mega-development projects of at least \$10,000,000, with an exception for certain economic development projects as recommended by the Cabinet based on unique conditions of the county where the project may occur, including but not limited to the population, per capita income, or county wages that are lower than the median for the state. ***These funds may be used to provide loans with the ability for forgiveness upon approval by the Secretary to support infrastructure and access to power. The Cabinet shall develop the terms and conditions of the loans and shall include requirements related to increased economic development;***

➔Section 25. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (173), at page 20, is amended to read as follows:

(173) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Economic Development budget unit to support the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority Loan Pool. The appropriation contained in this subsection shall be used to provide funding to Hardin and Warren Counties, communities experiencing significant economic development growth due to announced projects with investments exceeding \$2,000,000,000 for supporting critical infrastructure improvements, such as water and sewer requirements, for continued economic development. Assistance may be in the form of a loan with the ability for forgiveness due to meeting negotiated requirements related to increased economic development for the community. ***Of this amount, \$20,000,000 shall be allocated to the Intermodal Transportation Authority project at the Kentucky Transpark;***

➔Section 26. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (190), at page 23, is amended to read as follows:

(190) \$1,500,000 in ~~each~~ fiscal year **2024-2025 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026** to the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities budget unit to be distributed to **Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation**~~Letcher County Fiscal Court~~ for the Transitioning from Recovery to Society program;

➔Section 27. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (198), at page 24, is amended to read as follows:

(198) ~~\$4,000,000~~~~(\$5,000,000)~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Community Based Services budget unit to support campus completion for the Harbor House of Louisville;

➔Section 28. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (215), at page 26, is amended to read as follows:

(215) \$18,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Kentucky Horse Park Commission budget unit for facility upgrades to be allocated as follows:

- (a) \$2,500,000 for the renovation of the restaurant;
- (b) \$15,000,000 for the replacement of competition barns and stalls;
- (c) \$7,000,000 for the renovation of entertainment pavilions;
- (d) \$5,000,000 for the replacement of campground sites and bathhouse;
- (e) \$1,500,000 for a maintenance pool; and
- (f) ~~\$5,000,000~~~~(\$5,000,00)~~ for the renovation of the International Museum of the Horse;

➔Section 29. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (218), at page 26, is amended to read as follows:

(218) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Secretary budget unit in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to be distributed to the Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission to **support tourism**~~provide matching funds to purchase playground equipment at Lake Malone State Park~~;

➔Section 30. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (224), at page 27, is amended to read as follows:

(224) \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be distributed to the Paducah-McCracken Riverport Authority to support the Riverport West project. **Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward to fiscal year 2024-2025;**

➔Section 31. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (225), at page 27, is amended to read as follows:

(225) \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within Kentucky. **Of this amount, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority to support predevelopment archaeological activities. In addition, each**~~Each~~ existing public riverport shall receive \$750,000 in each fiscal year for construction and maintenance as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3), and no local match shall be required. Any remaining balance shall be distributed at the Transportation Cabinet Secretary's discretion and may be disbursed to riverport authorities for existing and developing riverports. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have not been expended by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year 2025-2026;

➔Section 32. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (233), at page 30, is amended to read as follows:

(233) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Emergency and Targeted Investment Fund established by KRS 157.618. **The School Facilities Construction Commission shall grant priority to schools with structural failures and no bonding capacity;**~~and~~

➔Section 33. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (234), at page 30, is amended to read as follows:

(234) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Edmonson County Fiscal Court to provide an emergency infrastructure grant. This grant will require a local match of at least \$1,000,000;{ ~~}~~}

*(235) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of London to support construction of the London City Plaza project; and*

*(236) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the University of Kentucky budget unit to support immune dysregulation research.*

➔Section 34. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 4., (2) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients - Travel and Per Diem, at page 4, is amended to read as follows:

(2) ~~{Congressional}~~ **Medal of Honor Recipients - Travel and Per Diem:** The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs may approve travel and per diem expenses incurred when Kentucky residents who have been awarded the ~~{Congressional}~~ Medal of Honor attend veterans, military, or memorial events in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

➔Section 35. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 6., (1) Kentucky National Guard, at page 8, is amended to read as follows:

(1) **Kentucky National Guard:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year to be expended, subject to the conditions and procedures provided in this Act, which are required as a result of the Governor's declaration of emergency pursuant to KRS Chapter 39A, and the Governor's call of the Kentucky National Guard to active duty when an emergency or exigent situation has been declared to exist by the Governor. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of the \$4,500,000 not expended shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) at the end of each fiscal year. In the event that costs for Governor-declared emergencies or the Governor's call of the Kentucky National Guard for emergencies or exigent situations exceed \$4,500,000 annually, up to ~~\$50,000,000~~~~[\$25,000,000]~~ shall be deemed necessary government expenses and shall be paid from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

➔Section 36. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 6., (2) Disaster or Emergency Aid Funds, at pages 8 to 9, is amended to read as follows:

(2) **Disaster or Emergency Aid Funds:** Subject to the conditions and procedures in this Act, in the event of a presidentially declared disaster or emergency, the Department of Military Affairs may request from the Finance and Administration Cabinet, as a necessary government expense, up to \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024, ~~\$25,000,000~~~~[\$50,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025, and ~~\$25,000,000~~~~[\$50,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2025-2026 from the General Fund to be used as required to match federal aid for which the state would be eligible. These necessary funds shall be made available from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

➔Section 37. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 19., a., (7) Employment of Family Members, at page 24, is amended to read as follows:

~~{(7) **Employment of Family Members:** Notwithstanding 65.003(3)(c), no Commonwealth's Attorney shall hire a family member, as defined as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, mother in law, father in law, son in law, daughter in law, grandparent, or grandchild on or after the effective date of this Act.}~~

➔Section 38. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 19., b., (8) Employment of Family Members, at page 26, is amended to read as follows:

~~{(8) **Employment of Family Members:** Notwithstanding 65.003(3)(c), no County Attorney shall hire a family member, as defined as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, mother in law, father in law, son in law, daughter in law, grandparent, or grandchild on or after the effective date of this Act.}~~

➔Section 39. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 27., (4) Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool - 2025-2026, at page 41, is amended to read as follows:

(4) **Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool - 2025-2026:** A local school district that owns a secondary area technology center shall be eligible to receive a grant of up to ~~\$10,000,000~~~~[\$7,500,000]~~ to support renovation costs in fiscal year 2025-2026. The School Facilities Construction Commission shall develop criteria for the districts to receive funding, which shall include enrollment in job creation training programs, bonding capacity, and a needs-based local match. The Commission shall show preference to applications from regions projected to

experience rapid growth due to economic development. No award shall be made to any local school district which has received an award from the Local Area Vocational Education Center Pool since fiscal year 2020-2021.

*Included in the Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool is an allocation of \$600,000 to the Floyd County Area Technology Center to support engineering, design, and rehabilitation costs. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be used for the design, and \$500,000 shall be used for sewer, water, and electric.*

➔Section 40. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, C., 1., (22) Property Assessment Growth Relief, at page 60, is amended to read as follows:

**(22) Property Assessment Growth Relief:** (a) *In addition to the support provided by KRS 157.360(17), a district shall qualify for supplemental property assessment growth relief in fiscal year 2024-2025 if sufficient funds exist within the SEEK budget unit and all of the following conditions are met:*

1. *The district qualifies for an assessment adjustment in accordance with KRS 157.360(17) in fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025;*

2. *The district levied a tax rate of four percent or greater in fiscal year 2024-2025; and*

3. *The district experienced a cumulative rate of growth in real estate values from fiscal year 2022-2023 to fiscal year 2024-2025 in excess of 14.4 percent.*

(b) *A district shall qualify for supplemental relief in fiscal year 2025-2026 if sufficient funds exist within the SEEK budget unit and all of the following conditions are met:*

1. *The district qualifies for an assessment adjustment in accordance with KRS 157.360(17) in fiscal year 2024-2025 and fiscal year 2025-2026;*

2. *The district levied a tax rate of four percent or greater in fiscal year 2025-2026; and*

3. *The district experienced a cumulative rate of growth in real estate values from fiscal year 2022-2023 to fiscal year 2025-2026 in excess of 25.8 percent.*

(c) *The Kentucky Department of Education shall use the available funds to adjust the assessment for qualifying districts in each fiscal year to provide real estate growth relief. [Notwithstanding KRS 157.360(17), the Department of Education shall value real estate for the purposes of calculating the state portion of local effort required to participate in the SEEK Program as the lesser of the current year assessment or the prior year assessment increased by four percent, plus the value of current year new property. For purposes of calculating the adjusted prior year assessment, the value of current new year property may not exceed 110 percent of the value of the prior year's valuation of existing property. Authorization to use the prior year assessment, as adjusted, shall be subject to available funds.]*

➔Section 41. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, C., 3., (5) Center for School Safety, at pages 66 to 67, is amended to read as follows:

**(5) Center for School Safety:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Center for School Safety. Notwithstanding KRS 158.446, the Center for School Safety shall allot these moneys for the purposes described in KRS 158.440, 158.441, 158.4415, 158.4416, 158.442, 158.445, and 158.446 at both public and private school buildings, campuses, grounds, recreational areas, or athletic fields, except that no more than ~~\$2,000,000~~ ~~(\$1,500,000)~~ in each fiscal year may be retained for *operating and* administrative purposes. The Center for School Safety shall research and evaluate commercial software solutions available to improve school safety. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

➔Section 42. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, G., 8., (16) Foster Home Rate Equity, at page 116, is amended to read as follows:

**(16) Foster Home Rate Equity:** Included in the above appropriations is \$10,600,000 in Restricted Funds and \$2,400,000 in Federal Funds in each fiscal year to support an increase in the ~~DCBS~~ foster care rate per ~~diem~~ ~~diem~~ and to align the rates to be more equitable with the Private Child Caring and Private Child Placing agency rate per diem. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

➔Section 43. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (12) Postbaccalaureate Initiatives, at page 150, is amended to read as follows:

**(12) Postbaccalaureate Initiatives:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to contract with an outside entity to conduct a study on the postbaccalaureate initiatives of each of the comprehensive universities. The study shall be prioritized according to 2024 Regular Session SJR 170. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward to fiscal year 2024-2025. *Any unexpended funds at the conclusion of the study may be used for administrative expenses.* Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

➔Section 44. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (13) Immunity for Postsecondary Institutions, at pages 150 to 151, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

1. Transition to online or otherwise remote instruction;
2. Pause or modification to instruction available through the institution of higher education;
3. Closure of, or modification to, operation of on-campus facilities of the public postsecondary institution;

or

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

➔Section 45. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (14) Simmons College, at page 151, is amended to read as follows:

**(14) Simmons College:** Included in the above Federal Funds appropriation is \$1,280,200 in fiscal year 2023-2024 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support *infrastructure planning and facility acquisition for student residential housing, an onsite tutoring/study facility, and development and designs for capital improvements to support academic program expansion* ~~the Teacher Education Initiative and public health initiatives~~.

➔Section 46. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, K., 10. Claims and Appeals, at pages 173 to 174, is amended to read as follows:

**10. CLAIMS AND APPEALS**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
General Fund	1,000,000	2,215,700	2,246,800
Restricted Funds	-0-	1,317,200	1,317,300
Federal Funds	-0-	768,100	769,100
TOTAL	1,000,000	4,301,000	4,333,200

**(1) Crime Victims' Compensation Fund:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to support the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

**(2) Additional Personnel:** Included in the above Federal Funds appropriation is \$104,100 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$105,100 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to support additional personnel. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

(3) **Administrative Expenses and Claims:** Notwithstanding KRS 304.2-400(2), excess Restricted Funds from the Department of Insurance shall be transferred to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and made available to support administrative expenses and claims.

➔Section 47. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 1., (5) Southern Kentucky Tourism Initiative, at page 175, is amended to read as follows:

(5) **Southern Kentucky Tourism Initiative:** Included in the above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to support the ~~Southern~~~~Southeast~~ Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for the Southern Kentucky Tourism Initiative. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

➔Section 48. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 6., (5) State Fair Board Property Improvements, at pages 178 to 179, is amended to read as follows:

(5) **State Fair Board Property Improvements:** Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, the State Fair Board shall **give preference**~~[offer a right of first refusal]~~ to Kentucky businesses ~~\*\*[with which the Board has existing relationships]\*\*~~ ~~[before offering partnership opportunities to other businesses]~~ to make improvements to **State Fair Board properties for hotel development**~~[redevelopment]~~. The Board shall recommend the participation of Kentucky-based businesses ~~\*\*[with which it has existing relationships]\*\*~~ and shall also recommend the participation of other Kentucky-based businesses offering solutions to accomplish the goal of improving hotel **development**~~[redevelopment]~~. For the purposes of this subsection, "Kentucky-based business" means a business that has employees working in Kentucky and that operates a principle executive office in Kentucky from which those employees, other offices, and affiliated entities are directed and controlled.

➔Section 49. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 6., (6) Kentucky Exposition Center Redevelopment Plan - Phase II, at page 179, is amended to read as follows:

(6) **Kentucky Exposition Center Redevelopment Plan - Phase II:** The General Assembly recognizes the need to secure the future of Kentucky State Fair Board properties. To address this need, the project authorization set out in Part II, Capital Projects Budget, of this Act is contingent on the State Fair Board's submission and approval by the General Assembly via joint resolution of a comprehensive statewide proposal regarding improvements to the properties. The proposal shall include the following:

(a) Recommendations for private and/or local government partnerships. In developing its proposal regarding private partnerships, the Board shall **give preference**~~[offer a right of first refusal]~~ to Kentucky-based businesses with which it has existing relationships and shall also recommend the participation of other Kentucky-based businesses offering solutions to accomplish the goal of improving Board properties. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Kentucky-based business" means a business that has employees working in Kentucky and that operates a principle executive office in Kentucky from which those employees, other offices, and affiliated entities are directed and controlled;

(b) Detailed financial information regarding return on investment resulting from partnerships; and

(c) A 50 percent match of the state contribution from private and/or local government partners.

The proposal may also include a plan of action regarding disposal of property to local governments. The State Fair Board shall develop the proposal and present it to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024.

➔Section 50. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part II, I., (1) Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool, at page 199, is amended to read as follows:

(1) **Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool:** The Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool provides funding for individual asset preservation, renovation, and maintenance projects at Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions in Education, General, and state-owned and operated residential housing facilities, **for fixed asset pedestrian and student parking areas, and for the razing of university-owned buildings**. For fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, each project for research institutions shall be matched at 25 percent from funds provided by each research institution. Capital projects as defined in KRS 45.750(1)(f) are hereby authorized from these funds or combination of funds thereof and shall be reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

➔Section 51. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part II, I., 7., 002. Renew/Renovate Steely Library, at page 205, is amended to read as follows:

**002.** Renew/Renovate **Landrum Academic Center**~~[Steely Library]~~

Bond Funds

49,000,000

-0-



Other Funds	3,000,000	-0-
TOTAL	52,000,000	-0-

➔Section 52. 2024 Regular Session HB 265/VO, Part I, A., 1., (5) Riverport Improvements, at page 3, is amended to read as follows:

(5) **Riverport Improvements:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$500,000 in each fiscal year to *the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust Fund (KRS 174.210)* ~~(improve public riverports within Kentucky. The Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, in conjunction with the Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board, shall determine how the funds are distributed).~~ Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part I, A., 1., (4) of this Act.

➔Section 53. 2024 Regular Session HB 265/VO, Part I, A., 8., (6) Vision Testing, at page 14, is amended to read as follows:

(6) **Vision Testing:** Notwithstanding KRS 186.577, *prior to January 1, 2025*, an individual applying for ~~renewal of~~ an operator's license *renewal* or instruction permit *renewal* shall not be required to submit to a test of visual acuity and visual field. The Transportation Cabinet may establish a pilot project to allow for the voluntary vision testing upon renewal at regional driver licensing offices.

➔Section 54. There is hereby appropriated additional Other Funds in the amount of \$16,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Northern Kentucky University budget unit for the Expand/Renovate Soccer Complex capital project.

➔Section 55. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., the appropriation in this section is supported solely by funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) and shall not be identified as GF appropriations when certifying the reduction conditions pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)5. and (d)2. to 5.

There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department of Highways budget unit to be allocated to the 2024-2026 Biennial Highway Construction Plan project number 2-1088.52, contingent upon award of a federal Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant for this project.

➔Section 56. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., the appropriation in this section is supported solely by funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) and shall not be identified as GF appropriations when certifying the reduction conditions pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)5. and (d)2. to 5.

There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department of Highways budget unit to be allocated to the 2024-2026 Biennial Highway Construction Plan project number 10-169.10, contingent upon award of a federal Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant for this project.

➔Section 57. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$2,969,200 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$3,956,800 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Public Health budget unit to support the costs of workforce and operations for the local health departments.

➔Section 58. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Lee County Fiscal Court to support a public safety initiative.

➔Section 59. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Attorney General budget unit to create an electric reliability defense program.

➔Section 60. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Council on Postsecondary Education budget unit to support a grant match for the National Stem Cell Foundation.

➔Section 61. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a one-time allocation in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each

fiscal year to the University of Kentucky budget unit to support cancer research at the Markey Cancer Center, including but not limited to ovarian cancer research.

→Section 62. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Carlisle County Fiscal Court to support the Carlisle County Water District in providing water treatment and water lines to schools in the county.

→Section 63. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District to support a capital construction project.

→Section 64. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department of Agriculture budget unit to support economic development initiatives within the agriculture industry. The funding is contingent on the Commissioner of Agriculture's submission and approval by the General Assembly via joint resolution of a comprehensive proposal regarding agriculture economic development initiatives. The proposal shall be submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024.

→Section 65. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a one-time allocation in the amount of \$905,800 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$1,596,800 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Justice Administration budget unit to support the loss of federal funds for the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) funding programs.

→Section 66. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to support sewer compliance for the City of Whitesville.

→Section 67. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to support water project cost overruns. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

→Section 68. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Union County Fiscal Court to support water line installation and repairs for the City of Sturgis.

→Section 69. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$800,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to support a statewide comprehensive plan for water management services provided by the Area Development Districts and maintenance of the Water Resource Information System.

→Section 70. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a one-time allocation in the amount of \$600,000 in each fiscal year to the Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities budget unit to support direct services provided to clients by The Healing Place.

→Section 71. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Economic Development budget unit to support approved mega-development projects of at least \$10,000,000, with an exception for certain economic development projects as recommended by the Cabinet based on unique conditions of the county where the project may occur, including but not limited to the population, per capita income, or county wages that are lower than the median for the state. The funds may be used to provide loans with the ability for forgiveness upon approval by the Secretary to support infrastructure and access to power. The Cabinet shall develop the terms and conditions of the loans and shall include requirements related to increased economic development.

→Section 72. Notwithstanding KRS 39A.303(6), from the appropriation set out in 2022 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 1, sec. 6, there is hereby appropriated Restricted Funds from the East Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (EKSAFE) Fund established in KRS 39A.303 in the amount of \$28,725,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Military Affairs budget unit to be used for the advancement of moneys to city and county governments experiencing strained fiscal liquidity while awaiting reimbursement from federal emergency management assistance

or insurance claims related to the impact of the Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster, designated FEMA-4663-DR.

→Section 73. If a recipient of moneys from the East Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (EKSAFE) Fund under Section 72 of this Act subsequently receives moneys from any other source, the recipient shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the amount of moneys received from the EKSAFE Fund. All moneys reimbursed to the Commonwealth shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days. The moneys appropriated in Section 72 of this Act shall not lapse and shall carry forward until June 30, 2026. If the moneys are not encumbered by June 30, 2026, the moneys shall be returned to the Commonwealth and shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days.

~~\*\*[→Section 74. Notwithstanding KRS 45.255(8), there is hereby appropriated Restricted Funds from the Kentucky Contribution Trust Fund established in KRS 45.255 in the amount of \$7,227,500 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Military Affairs budget unit to be used for the advancement of moneys to city and county governments experiencing strained fiscal liquidity while awaiting reimbursement from federal emergency management assistance or insurance claims related to the impact of the Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster, designated FEMA-4663-DR.]\*\*~~

→Section 75. If a recipient of moneys from the Kentucky Contribution Trust Fund under Section 74 of this Act subsequently receives moneys from any other source, the recipient shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the amount of the moneys received from the Kentucky Contribution Trust Fund. All moneys reimbursed to the Commonwealth shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days. The moneys appropriated in Section 74 of this Act shall not lapse and shall carry forward until June 30, 2026. If the moneys are not encumbered by June 30, 2026, the moneys shall be returned to the Commonwealth and shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days.

→Section 76. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024, detailing all programs administered by the Council. The report shall include a description of each program, program expenditures, and statutory references if applicable.

→Section 77. A local governmental agency may request participation in a governmental services program through the Department of Corrections to provide inmates the opportunity to learn job skills. At the discretion of the warden of the facility, the local government shall be responsible for all costs, including but not limited to supervision, transportation, training, and meals but shall not be required to pay labor costs.

→Section 78. KRS 45A.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Procurements may be made in accordance with small purchase administrative regulations promulgated by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, as follows:
  - (a) Up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per project for construction and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for purchases by any state governmental body, except for those state administrative bodies specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
  - (b) Up to *one hundred*~~[forty]~~ thousand dollars ~~(\$100,000)~~~~(\$40,000)~~ per project for construction or purchases by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, state institutions of higher education, and the legislative branch of government.
- (2) Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase under this section. Reverse auctions may be used for small purchase procurements. At least every two (2) years, the secretary shall review the prevailing costs of labor and materials and may make recommendations to the next regular session of the General Assembly for the revision of the then current maximum small purchase amount as justified by intervening changes in the cost of labor and materials.
- (3) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet may grant to any state agency with a justifiable need a delegation of small purchasing authority which exceeds the agency's small purchase limit provided in subsection (1) of this section. Delegations of small purchasing authority shall be granted or revoked by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the cabinet pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A. These administrative regulations shall establish, at a minimum, the criteria for granting and revoking delegations of small purchasing authority, including the requesting agency's past compliance with purchasing regulations, the level of training of the agency's purchasing staff, and the extent to which the agency utilizes the Kentucky Automated Purchasing System. The

administrative regulations may permit the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to delegate small purchase procurements up to the maximum amount specified in subsection (1)(b) of this section.

➔Section 79. KRS 45A.190 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section, "agency contract administrator" means the state agency employee responsible for the administration of a contract.
- (2) When a construction contract is awarded in an amount in excess of **one hundred~~forty~~** thousand dollars (**~~\$100,000~~**)(~~(\$40,000)~~), the following bonds shall be furnished to the Commonwealth, and shall be binding on the parties upon the award of the contract:
  - (a) A performance bond satisfactory to the Commonwealth executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, or otherwise supplied, satisfactory to the Commonwealth, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as it may be increased; and
  - (b) A payment bond satisfactory to the Commonwealth executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, or otherwise supplied, satisfactory to the Commonwealth, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or his subcontractors, for the performance of the work provided for in the contract. The bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the original contract price.
- (3) When any contract in an amount in excess of **one hundred~~forty~~** thousand dollars (**~~\$100,000~~**)(~~(\$40,000)~~) for commodities, supplies, equipment, or services of any kind, or when a contract for construction services costing **one hundred~~forty~~** thousand dollars (**~~\$100,000~~**)(~~(\$40,000)~~) or less is proposed for presentation to vendors or contractors, the agency contract administrator shall evaluate whether a performance bond should be required in the procurement document, and make his recommendation to the purchasing agency. The agency contract administrator shall note the reason that a performance bond is or is not recommended and his notation shall be a part of the permanent record relating to the contract. If a performance bond is required, the requirement shall be included in the invitation to bid, request for proposal, or other procurement document. The agency contract administrator shall make audits of the performance of contracts upon completion of one-third (1/3) of the contract and upon completion of two-thirds (2/3) of the contract. For contracts taking longer than one (1) year to complete, audits of performance shall be conducted at least annually. Before a vendor is released from a performance bond, the agency contract administrator shall review the audits of performance, make a final performance review, and promptly determine whether, in his or her opinion, the vendor has fully complied with the terms of the contract. The opinion of the agency contract administrator shall be made in writing or electronically, set forth the reasons for his or her opinion regarding compliance or noncompliance, and be signed by the agency contract administrator. This opinion may have an electronic signature. The using agency head shall, after consideration of the performance audits, the final performance review, and the opinion of the agency contract administrator regarding compliance or noncompliance, determine whether to recommend to the purchasing agency that the performance bond be released or whether a claim should be made against the performance bond. This determination of the using agency head shall be in writing, signed by the using agency head, and forwarded to the purchasing agency. This determination may have an electronic signature and be transmitted electronically. If the recommendation of the using agency is not followed by the purchasing agency, the purchasing agency shall place a statement in the file explaining why it is not followed.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the Commonwealth to require a performance bond or other security in addition to those bonds, or in circumstances other than specified in subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

➔Section 80. KRS 56.491 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No state agency shall have power or authority to make plans and specifications, provide public notice of invitations for bids, let contracts, or incur any financing commitments, either in the way of a charge against public funds or in the way of negotiations for issuance of revenue bonds, for any capital construction projects involving the improvement of lands or the construction, alteration, reconstruction, or major repair of any building or other structure, or sewage disposal or water supply system, requiring the expenditure of more than **five~~two~~** hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars (**~~\$500,000~~**)(~~(\$250,000)~~) without first securing the approval of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.
- (2) The state agency seeking the approval shall submit to the Finance and Administration Cabinet a general description of the proposed project, with the detailed information the cabinet may require. Review of construction plans for conformance with the Uniform State Building Code shall be conducted by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall not

approve any project requiring its approval in any instance if it finds that: the project is not needed; the proposed method of financing is not sound; the project will exceed the amount of the funds available therefor; the work contemplated will be insufficient to accomplish the purpose of the project; or after providing for the ordinary recurring expenses of government and debt service and for payments under existing allotments for extraordinary expenses and capital outlay, cash will not be available in the State Treasury to promptly pay for the work during the biennium, or except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, that the work is to be done by employees of the agency.

- (3) The finding of the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall be final, except in cases where the issuance and sale of bonds is proposed, in which cases the cabinet shall submit its findings to the commission for final approval, modification, or disapproval.
- (4) Any capital construction project, the total cost of completion of which the Finance and Administration Cabinet determines will exceed *five*~~two~~ hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars *(\$500,000)*~~(\$250,000)~~, shall be contracted for on a competitive bid basis, and the execution of the contracts shall be approved and authorized by the cabinet. When a capital construction project has been approved as provided in this section, in whole or in part, the cabinet shall prepare the plans and specifications, provide public notice of invitations for bids, award the contracts, supervise the construction, and handle the financial negotiations on behalf of the requesting state agency; or with prior written approval, the cabinet may authorize a state agency to do so with delegated authority of the cabinet.
- (5) A capital construction project, the total cost of completion of which the Finance and Administration Cabinet determines will not exceed *five*~~two~~ hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars *(\$500,000)*~~(\$250,000)~~, may be performed by the employees of the requesting agency or by individuals hired specifically for the project who shall be exempt from the requirements of KRS Chapter 18A, if the project is approved and authorized by the cabinet. Necessary materials and supplies shall be procured in accordance with the standard purchasing procedures and policies of the cabinet as defined in KRS Chapter 45A.
- (6) This section shall not apply to capital outlays to the Department of Highways for roads and bridges.
- (7) This section shall not apply to capital outlays by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for repair, maintenance, improvement, or expansion of present correctional facilities on which projects inmates are used. Any capital construction project to be performed by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall be approved and authorized by the Finance and Administration Cabinet.
- (8) This section shall not apply to surveys capable of being performed by employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Boundary surveys or surveys involving property lines shall be performed by or under the supervision of an employee possessing a professional land surveyor license.

➔Section 81. Whereas the provisions of this Act provide ongoing support for state government agencies and their functions, 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.

**Vetoed in Part and became law without Governor's signature April 27, 2024.**