

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 231/GA**

Beginning with page 1, line 6, through page 5, line 20, delete all text in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(1) The General Assembly hereby establishes the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program to ensure all Kentuckians have affordable access to industry-recognized career and technical postsecondary education opportunities.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Academic term" means a fall, spring, or summer academic term or other time period specified in an administrative regulation promulgated by the authority;

(b) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;

(c) "Approved dual credit course" means a dual credit course developed in accordance with KRS 164.098 that is a career and technical education course within an eligible program of study;

(d) "Dual credit" has the same meaning as in KRS 158.007;

(e) "Dual credit tuition rate ceiling" means one-third (1/3) of the per credit hour tuition amount charged by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for in-state students;

(f) "Eligible high school student" means a student who:

1. Is a Kentucky resident;

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2. Is enrolled in a Kentucky high school;
 3. Is not eligible or has exhausted eligibility for the dual credit scholarship under KRS 164.786;
 4. Is enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in an approved dual credit course at a participating institution; and
 5. Completes and submits a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship application to the authority;
- (g) "Eligible program of study" means a program approved by the authority that leads to an industry-recognized certificate or diploma in one (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand workforce sectors identified by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;
- (h) "Eligible technology teacher" means a full-time employee of a state or locally operated technology center who:
1. Teaches in a program that is in one (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand workforce sectors identified by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;
 2. Has not earned an associate's degree in applied science;
 3. Enrolls in a Kentucky public university or a Kentucky Community and Technical College System institution;
 4. Enrolls in an eligible program of study or in an associate's degree in applied science program;
 5. Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded;
 6. Completes and submits a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship application to the authority; and

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7. Is not in default on any Title IV federal financial aid program obligation or obligation to the authority under any program administered under KRS 164.740 to 164.7891 or 164.7894, except that ineligibility for this reason may be waived by the authority for cause;
- (i) "Eligible workforce student" means a student who:
1. Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
 2. Is a Kentucky resident as determined by the participating institution in accordance with criteria established by the Council on Postsecondary Education for the purposes of admission and tuition assessment;
 3. Has earned a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma or is enrolled in a High School Equivalency Diploma program;
 4. Has not earned an associate's degree or a higher level postsecondary degree;
 5. Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded;
 6. Completes and submits a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship application to the authority;
 7. Enrolls in an eligible program of study at a participating institution;
 8. Enrolls for at least three (3) credit hours for the academic term; and
 9. Is not in default on any Title IV federal financial aid program obligation or obligation to the authority under any program administered under KRS 164.740 to 164.7891 or 164.7894, except that ineligibility for this reason may be waived by the authority for cause;
- (j) "Fees" means mandatory fees charged by a participating institution for enrollment in a course, including but not limited to on-demand course fees, lab fees, and administrative fees. "Fees" does not include tools, books, or other instructional

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materials that may be required for a course;

(k) "Maximum program award" means one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the program tuition amount;

(l) "Participating institution" means an "institution" as defined in KRS 164.001 that actively participates in the federal Pell Grant program, executes a contract with the authority on terms the authority deems necessary or appropriate for the administration of its programs, and is a:

1. Kentucky Community and Technical College System institution;

2. Four (4) year Kentucky public college or university; or

3. Kentucky college or university that is accredited by a nationally recognized regional or national accrediting body; and

4. Charges no more than the dual credit tuition rate ceiling per credit hour, including any additional fees, for any dual credit course it offers to any Kentucky public or nonpublic high school student; and

(m) "Program tuition amount" means the in-state tuition amount for one (1) credit hour at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System multiplied by the number of credit hours in which an eligible workforce student or eligible technology teacher is enrolled for the academic term.

(3) In consultation with the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority shall administer the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program and promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A as may be needed for the administration of the scholarship.

(4) (a) The authority shall award a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship each academic term to any eligible workforce student, eligible high school student, or eligible technology teacher who meets the requirements of this section to the extent funds

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- are available for that purpose.
- (b) The scholarship amount awarded to an eligible workforce student or an eligible technology teacher for an academic term shall be the lesser of:
1. The maximum program award; or
 2. The amount remaining after subtracting the student's federal and state grants from the sum of the program tuition amount and fees for the academic term.
Work study and student loan funds shall not be included in the calculation.
- (c) The scholarship amount awarded to an eligible high school student shall be equal to the amount charged by a participating institution, not to exceed the dual credit tuition rate ceiling for each dual credit hour.
- (5) To remain eligible for the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship, an eligible workforce student or an eligible technology teacher shall maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- (6) An eligible workforce student's eligibility for the scholarship shall terminate upon the earlier of:
- (a) Receiving the scholarship for the equivalent of four (4) academic terms, as determined by the authority;
 - (b) Receiving the scholarship for a total of thirty-two (32) credit hours;
 - (c) Obtaining an associate's degree; or
 - (d) The end of six (6) consecutive academic terms, excluding summer terms, after the first term the student receives the scholarship.
- (7) An eligible technology teacher's eligibility for the scholarship shall terminate upon the earlier of:
- (a) Receiving the scholarship for a total of thirty-two (32) credit hours; or
 - (b) Obtaining an associate's degree in applied science.
- (8) Each postsecondary institution shall submit information each academic term to the

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authority required for the administration of the scholarship as determined by the authority.

(9) The authority shall annually provide a report on the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program, prepared in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics, to the secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet that includes the following:

(a) By academic term and academic year, the number of:

1. Students and technology teachers served by the scholarship and the total amount disbursed;
2. Credits, certificates, and diplomas earned by students and technology teachers receiving the scholarship; and
3. Students and technology teachers receiving the scholarship who earn credits, certificates, diplomas, and degrees; and

(b) By workforce sector, the number of:

1. Credits, certificates, and diplomas earned by students and technology teachers receiving the scholarship; and
2. Students and technology teachers receiving the scholarship who earn credits, certificates, diplomas, and degrees.

(10) (a) The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship fund is hereby created as a trust fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the authority, in collaboration with the Education Workforce and Development Cabinet, for the purpose of providing scholarships as described 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.

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- (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.

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS KRS 164.7871 TO 164.7885 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, including the requirement that an eligible high school student be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States, an eligible high school student who first enrolls in high school after the 2017-2018 academic year, except for students described in subsection (1)(c) of Section 4 of this Act, and who does not qualify for or has exhausted eligibility for the dual credit scholarship under KRS 164.786, may use the KEES award the student has earned to pay for tuition and fees for dual credit courses and for fees charged to take Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge Advanced International exams.
- (2) KEES awards may only be used for dual credit courses at a participating institution that, for all dual credit courses it offers, charges tuition and fees at a per credit hour rate that is no more than one-third (1/3) of the per credit hour tuition amount charged by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for in-state students.
- (3) The amount used to pay for costs under this section shall not exceed the total KEES award amount earned at the time of enrollment in the dual credit course or courses or registration for the Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge Advanced International exam or exams.
- (4) The KEES award maximum for an eligible postsecondary student shall be reduced by

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the amount calculated by dividing the total KEES amount used under this section by four (4).

(5) Use of a KEES award by an eligible high school student under this section shall not affect the length of time and the number of academic terms during which an eligible postsecondary student may receive a KEES award in accordance with KRS 164.7881.

(6) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A as needed for the administration of this section.

➔Section 3. KRS 164.7874 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885:

- (1) "Academic term" means a semester or other time period specified in an administrative regulation promulgated by the authority;
- (2) "Academic year" means a period consisting of at least the minimum school term, as defined in KRS 158.070;
- (3) "ACT score" means the composite score achieved on the American College Test at a national test site on a national test date or the college admissions examination administered statewide under KRS 158.6453(5)(b)5. if the exam is the ACT, or an equivalent score, as determined by the authority, on the SAT administered by the College Board, Inc.;
- (4) "Authority" means the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority;
- (5) "Award period" means the fall and spring consecutive academic terms within one (1) academic year;
- (6) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education created under KRS 164.011;
- (7) "Eligible high school student" means any person who:
 - (a) Is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States, *except as provided in subsection (1) of Section 2 of this Act;*
 - (b) *Is a*~~and~~ Kentucky resident;

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~~(c)(b)~~ Was enrolled after July 1, 1998:

1. In a Kentucky high school for at least one hundred forty (140) days of the minimum school term unless exempted by the authority's executive director upon documentation of extreme hardship, while meeting the KEES curriculum requirements, and was enrolled in a Kentucky high school at the end of the academic year;
2. In a Kentucky high school for the fall academic term of the senior year and who:
 - a. Was enrolled during the entire academic term;
 - b. Completed the high school's graduation requirements during the fall academic term; and
 - c. Was not enrolled in a secondary school during any other academic term of that academic year; or
3. In the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics while meeting the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship curriculum requirements; ***and***

~~(d) 1.(e)~~ ***For a student described in subsection (1)(a) and (c) of Section 4 of this Act, has a grade point average of 2.5 or above at the end of any academic year beginning after July 1, 1998, or at the end of the fall academic term for a student eligible under paragraph (c)(b) 2. of this subsection; or***

2. For a student described in subsection (1)(b) of Section 4 of this Act, has a grade point average of 2.5 or above at the end of any academic year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, or at the end of the fall academic term for a student eligible under paragraph (c)2. of this subsection;

~~{(d) Is not a convicted felon;}~~

(8) "Eligible postsecondary student" means a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the

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United States and Kentucky resident, as determined by the participating institution in accordance with criteria established by the council for the purposes of admission and tuition assessment, who:

- (a) Earned a KEES award;
 - (b) Has the required postsecondary GPA and credit hours required under KRS 164.7881;
 - (c) Has remaining semesters of eligibility under KRS 164.7881;
 - (d) Is enrolled in a participating institution as a part-time or full-time student; and
 - (e) **Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the academic year in which the KEES scholarship will be disbursed**~~[Is not a convicted felon]~~;
- (9) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary program of study that meets the full-time student requirements of the participating institution in which the student is enrolled;
- (10) "Grade point average" or "GPA" means the grade point average earned by an eligible student and reported by the high school or participating institution in which the student was enrolled based on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent if the high school or participating institution that the student attends does not use the 4.0 grade scale;
- (11) "High school" means any Kentucky public high school, the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky, the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, and any private, parochial, or church school located in Kentucky that has been certified by the Kentucky Board of Education as voluntarily complying with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education under KRS 156.160;
- (12) "KEES" or "Kentucky educational excellence scholarship" means a scholarship provided under KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885;

- (13) "KEES award" means:
- (a) For an eligible high school student, the sum of the KEES base amount for each academic year of high school plus any KEES supplemental amount, as adjusted pursuant to KRS 164.7881; and
 - (b) For a student eligible under KRS 164.7879(3)(e), the KEES supplemental amount as adjusted pursuant to KRS 164.7881;
- (14) "KEES award maximum" means the sum of the KEES base amount earned in each academic year of high school plus any KEES supplemental amount earned;
- (15) "KEES base amount" or "base amount" means the amount earned by an eligible high school student based on the student's GPA pursuant to KRS 164.7879;
- (16) "KEES curriculum" means five (5) courses of study, except for students who meet the criteria of subsection (7)(b)2. of this section, in an academic year as determined in accordance with an administrative regulation promulgated by the authority;
- (17) "KEES supplemental amount" means the amount earned by an eligible student based on the student's ACT score pursuant to KRS 164.7879;
- (18) "KEES trust fund" means the Wallace G. Wilkinson Kentucky educational excellence scholarship trust fund;
- (19) "On track to graduate" means the number of cumulative credit hours earned as compared to the number of hours determined by the postsecondary education institution as necessary to complete a bachelor's degree by the end of eight (8) academic terms or ten (10) academic terms if a student is enrolled in an undergraduate program that requires five (5) years of study;
- (20) "Participating institution" means an "institution" as defined in KRS 164.001 that actively participates in the federal Pell Grant program, executes a contract with the authority on terms the authority deems necessary or appropriate for the administration of its programs,

and:

- (a) 1. Is publicly operated;
 - 2. Is licensed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has operated for at least ten (10) years, offers an associate or baccalaureate degree program of study not comprised solely of sectarian instruction, and admits as regular students only high school graduates, recipients of a High School Equivalency Diploma, or students transferring from another accredited degree granting institution; or
 - 3. Is designated by the authority as an approved out-of-state institution that offers a degree program in a field of study that is not offered at any institution in the Commonwealth; and
- (b) Continues to commit financial resources to student financial assistance programs; ~~and~~

(21) "Part-time student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary program of study who does not meet the full-time student requirements of the participating institution in which the student is enrolled and who is enrolled for at least ***three (3)*** ~~six (6)~~ credit hours, or the equivalent for an institution that does not use credit hours.

➔Section 4. KRS 164.7879 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) ***(a)*** Kentucky educational excellence scholarship awards shall be based upon an established base scholarship amount and an eligible high school student's grade point average. The base scholarship amount for students ***first enrolled in high school prior to the 2018-2019 academic year and*** attaining a grade point average of at least 2.5 for the ~~1998-1999~~ academic year shall be as follows:

GPA	Amount	GPA	Amount
2.50	\$125.00	3.30	\$325.00
2.60	\$150.00	3.40	\$350.00

2.70	\$175.00	3.50	\$375.00
2.75	\$187.00	3.60	\$400.00
2.80	\$200.00	3.70	\$425.00
2.90	\$225.00	3.75	\$437.00
3.00	\$250.00	3.80	\$450.00
3.10	\$275.00	3.90	\$475.00
3.20	\$300.00	4.00	\$500.00
3.25	\$312.00		

(b) For students first enrolling in high school for the 2018-2019 academic year and thereafter, except for students described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the base scholarship amount for students attaining a grade point average of at least 2.5 for the academic year shall be as follows:

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>2.50</u>	<u>\$170.00</u>	<u>3.30</u>	<u>\$346.00</u>
<u>2.60</u>	<u>\$192.00</u>	<u>3.40</u>	<u>\$368.00</u>
<u>2.70</u>	<u>\$214.00</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>\$390.00</u>
<u>2.75</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>	<u>3.60</u>	<u>\$412.00</u>
<u>2.80</u>	<u>\$236.00</u>	<u>3.70</u>	<u>\$434.00</u>
<u>2.90</u>	<u>\$258.00</u>	<u>3.75</u>	<u>\$445.00</u>
<u>3.00</u>	<u>\$280.00</u>	<u>3.80</u>	<u>\$456.00</u>
<u>3.10</u>	<u>\$302.00</u>	<u>3.90</u>	<u>\$478.00</u>
<u>3.20</u>	<u>\$324.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>3.25</u>	<u>\$335.00</u>		

(c) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall apply to students who first enroll in high school:

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1. As a sophomore, junior, or senior in the 2018-2019 academic year;
 2. As a junior or senior in the 2019-2020 academic year; or
 3. As a senior in the 2020-2021 academic year.
- (d) Beginning July 1, 2020, the award amounts in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall increase annually by the most recent annual percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor.
- (e) The authority shall review the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship each academic year and may promulgate an administrative regulation to make adjustments after considering the availability of funds.
- (2) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship for each academic year of high school study in the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship curriculum that the high school student has attained at least a 2.5 grade point average. The award shall be based upon the eligible high school student's grade point average at the close of each academic year in accordance with subsection (1) of this section. An award attributable to a past academic year shall not be increased after the award has been earned by an eligible high school student, regardless of any subsequent increases made to the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship through the promulgation of an administrative regulation by the authority.
- (b) Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and "high school" in KRS 164.7874, any high school student who maintains Kentucky residency and completes the academic courses that are required for a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship while participating in an approved educational high school foreign exchange program or participating in the United States Congressional Page

School may apply his or her grade point average for that academic year toward the base as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. The grade point average shall be reported by the student's Kentucky home high school, based on an official transcript from the school that the student attended during the out-of-state educational experience. The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations that describe the approval process for the educational exchange programs that qualify under this paragraph. The provisions in this paragraph shall likewise apply to any Kentucky high school student who participated in an approved educational exchange program or in a Congressional Page School since the 1998-99 school year and maintained his or her Kentucky residency throughout.

- (c) 1. Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and "high school" in KRS 164.7874 and the requirement that a student graduate from a Kentucky high school, a high school student who completes the KEES curriculum while attending an accredited out-of-state high school or Department of Defense school may apply the grade point average for any applicable academic year toward the base as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and shall also qualify for a supplemental award under subsection (3) of this section when:
 - a. His or her custodial parent or guardian is in active service of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
 - b. The custodial parent or guardian maintained Kentucky as the home of record at the time the student attended an accredited out-of-state high school or a Department of Defense school.
2. The student or parent shall arrange for the out-of-state school to report the student's grade point average each academic year and the student's highest ACT

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score to the authority as required under KRS 164.7885. The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations implementing the requirements in this paragraph, including:

- a. The documentation that the parent shall submit to the authority establishing the student's eligibility for the scholarship; and
- b. The assurances that an out-of state institution shall submit to the authority for submission of the student grade point average.

3. The provisions in this paragraph shall apply to the 2001-2002 school year and thereafter.

(d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, a student who meets the Kentucky core academic standards for high school graduation established in administrative regulation and graduates after completing three (3) years of high school shall receive a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship award equivalent to completing high school in four (4) years. The award shall be determined by dividing the total actual KEES scholarship earned under subsection (1) of this section by three (3) and multiplying that number by four (4). The resulting number shall be the annual award the student is eligible for under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student graduating from high school before June 30, 1999, and achieving a score of at least 15 on the American College Test, a supplemental award for the award period beginning in the fall of 1999, based on the eligible high school student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as follows:

ACT	Annual	ACT	Annual
Score	Bonus	Score	Bonus

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15	\$21	22	\$171
16	\$43	23	\$193
17	\$64	24	\$214
18	\$86	25	\$236
19	\$107	26	\$257
20	\$129	27	\$279
21	\$150	28 or above	\$300

Subsequent supplemental awards for eligible high school students graduating before June 30, 1999, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

- (b) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student upon achievement after June 30, 1999, of an ACT score of at least 15 on the American College Test a supplemental award based on the eligible high school student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as follows:

ACT Score	Amount	ACT Score	Amount
15	\$36	22	\$286
16	\$71	23	\$321
17	\$107	24	\$357
18	\$143	25	\$393
19	\$179	26	\$428
20	\$214	27	\$464
21	\$250	28 and above	\$500

The authority shall review the base amount of the supplemental award beginning with

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the 2001-2002 academic year and each academic year thereafter and may promulgate an administrative regulation to make adjustments after considering the availability of funds.

- (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, the authority shall commit to provide a supplemental award for achievement on examinations for Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate as defined in KRS 164.002 to an eligible high school student whose family was eligible for free or reduced-price lunch for any year during high school enrollment.
1. The supplemental award for AP examination scores are as follows:
 - a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of three (3);
 - b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of four (4); and
 - c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of five (5).
 2. The supplemental award for IB examination scores are as follows:
 - a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of five (5);
 - b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of six (6); and
 - c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of seven (7).
- (d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, the authority shall commit to provide a supplemental award for achievement on examinations for Cambridge Advanced International as defined in KRS 164.002 to an eligible high school student whose family was eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch for any year during high school enrollment. The supplemental award for Cambridge Advanced International examination scores are as follows:
1. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of "e";
 2. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of "c" or "d"; and
 3. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of "a*", "a", or "b".

- (e) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the eligibility criteria and procedures for making a supplemental award to Kentucky residents who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States and who graduate from a nonpublic secondary school not certified by the Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky residents who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States and who obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma within five (5) years of their high school graduating class, and students under subsection (2)(c) of this section who do not attend an accredited high school.

➔Section 5. KRS 164.7884 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;
- (b) "Apprentice" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010;
- (c) "Eligible student" means an eligible high school student who has graduated from high school or a student eligible under KRS 164.7879(3)(e);
- (d) **"Qualified workforce training program" means a program that is in one (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand work sectors as determined by the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board;**
- (e)** "Registered apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program that:
1. Is established in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 343;
 2. Requires a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of on-the-job work experience;
 3. Requires a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of related instruction for each year of the apprenticeship; and
 4. Is approved by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet;
- ~~(f)(e)~~ "Related instruction" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010; and

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- (g)(f) "Sponsor" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010.
- (2) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7881, an eligible student who earned a KEES award ~~and is an apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program~~ shall be eligible for a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship *if the student is:*
- (a) An apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program; or**
- (b) Enrolled in a qualified workforce training program that has a current articulation agreement for postsecondary credit hours with a participating institution.**
- (3) (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, an eligible student **who meets the requirements of this section** ~~enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program~~ may receive reimbursement of tuition, books, required tools, and other approved expenses required for participation in ~~a~~ **the** registered apprenticeship program **or qualified workforce training program**, upon certification by the sponsor and approval by the authority.
- (b) The reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive in an academic year shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum.
- (c) The total reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive under this section shall not exceed:
- 1. For a registered apprenticeship program,** the student's KEES award maximum multiplied by four (4); **or**
- 2. For a qualified workforce training program, the lesser of the student's KEES award maximum multiplied by four (4) or the cost of tuition and fees for all articulated credit hours included in the program.**
- (4) Eligibility for a KEES scholarship under this section shall terminate upon the earlier of:
- (a) The expiration of five (5) years following the eligible student's graduation from high school or receiving a **High School Equivalency Diploma** ~~(GED)~~, except as provided

in KRS 164.7881(5); or

- (b) The eligible student's successful completion of the registered apprenticeship program **or qualified workforce training program.**
- (5) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the procedures for making awards under this section in consultation with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, and the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet.

➔Section 6. KRS 164.7885 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Not later than August 1, 1999, and each June 30 thereafter, each Kentucky high school shall submit to the authority ~~the~~ a compiled list of all high school students during the academic year. A high school shall report the grade point average of an eligible high school student pursuant to KRS 164.7874 by January 15 following the end of the fall academic term in which the student completed the high school graduation requirements. The list shall identify the high school and shall contain each high school student's name, Social Security number, address, grade point average for the academic year, expected or actual graduation date, highest ACT score, family eligibility status for free or reduced-price lunch, and each AP, Cambridge Advanced International, or IB examination score. The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky and the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics shall report the data on its students to the authority. The list need not contain the ACT, AP, Cambridge Advanced International, or IB if the authority receives the scores directly from the testing services. The authority shall notify each eligible high school student of his or her Kentucky educational excellence scholarship award earned each academic year. The authority shall determine the final Kentucky educational excellence scholarship and supplemental award based upon the actual final grade point average, highest ACT score, and qualifying AP, Cambridge Advanced International, or IB scores.

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- and any adjustment under subsection (4) of Section 2 of this Act** and shall notify each eligible twelfth-grade high school student of the final determination. The authority shall make available a list of eligible high school and postsecondary students to participating institutions.
- (2) The authority shall provide data access only to the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System and to those participating institutions that have either received an admission application from an eligible high school or postsecondary student or have been listed by the eligible high school or postsecondary student on the Free Application For Federal Student Aid.
- (3) For each eligible postsecondary student enrolling in a participating institution after July 1, 1999, the participating institution shall verify to the authority:
- (a) The student's initial eligibility for a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship, Kentucky educational excellence scholarship and supplemental award, or supplemental award only pursuant to KRS 164.7879(3)(~~e~~)(~~d~~) through the comprehensive list compiled by the authority or an alternative source satisfactory to the authority;
 - (b) The student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high school, provided that the participating institution need not report the ACT score if the authority receives the ACT score directly from the testing services;
 - (c) The eligible postsecondary student's full-time or part-time enrollment status at the beginning of each academic term; and
 - (d) The eligible postsecondary student's cumulative grade point average after the completion of each award period.
- (4) Each participating institution shall submit to the authority a report, in a form satisfactory to the authority, of all eligible postsecondary students enrolled, **and all eligible high school students enrolled in a course or courses under Section 2 of this Act**, for that academic

term. Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and supplemental awards shall be disbursed by the authority to each eligible postsecondary student, and each eligible high school student enrolled in a course or courses under Section 2 of this Act, attending a participating institution during the academic term within thirty (30) days after receiving a satisfactory report.

- (5) The Kentucky educational excellence scholarship and the supplemental award shall not be reduced, except as provided in subsection (4) of Section 2 of this Act and KRS 164.7881(4).
- (6) For eligible postsecondary students whose base scholarship amount was determined under subsection (1)(b) of Section 4 of this Act, the amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship and supplemental award distributed in an academic term shall not exceed the amount that equals the remaining cost of the student's tuition, fees, books, and supplies after subtracting the student's federal and state grants. The calculation shall not include scholarships or other financial assistance provided by the participating institution, other scholarships, or work study funds. For purposes of this subsection, the cost of books and supplies shall be the institution's published books and supplies amount that is used for purposes of packaging federal student aid. Any remaining KEES scholarship amount shall not be distributed for the academic term but shall be added to the student's maximum award amount for the next academic term funds are disbursed.
- (7) Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and supplemental awards shall not be awarded or disbursed to any eligible postsecondary students who are:
- (a) In default on any loan under Title IV of the federal act; or
 - (b) Liable for any amounts that exceed annual or aggregate limits on any loan under Title IV of the federal act; or

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- (c) Liable for overpayment of any grant or loan under Title IV of the federal act; or
- (d) In default on any obligation to the authority under any programs administered by the authority until financial obligations to the authority are satisfied, except that ineligibility may be waived by the authority for cause.

~~(8)(7)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 164.753, the authority may promulgate administrative regulations for the administration of Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and supplemental awards under the provisions of KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885 and KRS 164.7889.

→Section 7. The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 2017-434, dated June 30, 2017, to the extent not otherwise confirmed or superseded by this Act.

→Section 8. Whereas the scholarship provisions effectuated by this Act will be implemented for the 2018-2019 academic year, 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."