

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.

(c) Any unalloted 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. 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

~~(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~~

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~~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

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 The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 2017-434, dated June 30, 2017, to the extent not otherwise confirmed or superseded by this Act.

➔Section 4. 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."