1	AN ACT relating to conservation officers and declaring an emergency.
2	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
3	→Section 1. KRS 15.410 is amended to read as follows:
4	It is the intention of the General Assembly to <i>ensure</i> [assure] that the criminal laws of the
5	Commonwealth are enforced fairly, uniformly and effectively throughout the state by
6	strengthening and upgrading[local] law enforcement; to attract competent, highly
7	qualified young people to the field of law enforcement and to retain qualified and
8	experienced officers for the purpose of providing maximum protection and safety to the
9	citizens of, and the visitors to, this Commonwealth; and to offer a state monetary
10	supplement for[local] law enforcement officers while upgrading the educational and
11	training standards of <u>the[such]</u> officers.
12	Section 2. KRS 15.420 is amended to read as follows:
13	As used in KRS 15.410 to 15.510[, unless the context otherwise requires]:
14	(1) "Council" means the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;["Local unit of
15	government" means any city or county, combination of cities and counties, state or
16	public university, or county sheriff's office of the Commonwealth.]
17	(2) (a) "Police officer" means:
18	<u>1. A local officer, limited to:</u>
19	<u>a.</u> A full-time member of a lawfully organized police department of
20	county, urban-county or city government:
21	<u>b.</u> A sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff, including any providing court
22	security or appointed under KRS 70.030;[,] or
23	<u><i>c</i>.</u> A state or public university police officer:
24	who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
25	enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state: and [,]
26	2. A conservation officer; [but]
27	(b) ''Police officer'' does not include <u>any:</u>

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1		1. Person employed by the Department of Kentucky State Police; [, any]
2		<u>2.</u> Sheriff who earns the maximum constitutional salary for this office <u>;</u> [,
3		any]
4		<u>3.</u> Special deputy sheriff appointed under KRS 70.045; [, any]
5		<u>4.</u> Constable $\underline{or}[,]$ deputy constable: $\underline{i}[,]$
6		5. District detective $\underline{or}[,]$ deputy district detective; [,]
7		<u>6.</u> Special local peace officer <u>;</u> [,]
8		<u>7.</u> Auxiliary police officer <u>;[,]</u> or[<u>any</u>]
9		<u>8.</u> Other peace officer not specifically authorized in KRS 15.410 to 15.510.
10	(3)	"Unit of government" means any city, county, combination of cities and
11		counties, public university, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, or
12		county sheriff's office of the Commonwealth; and ["Council" means the Kentucky
13		Law Enforcement Council.]
14	(4)	"Validated job task analysis" means the core job description which describes the
15		minimum entry level requirements, qualifications, and training requirements for
16		peace officers in the Commonwealth, which is based upon an actual survey and
17		study of police officer duties and responsibilities conducted by an entity recognized
18		by the [Kentucky Law Enforcement] council as being competent to conduct such a
19		study.
20		Section 3. KRS 15.440 is amended to read as follows:
21	(1)	Each[local] unit of government which meets the following requirements shall be
22		eligible to share in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation
23		Program fund:
24		(a) Employs one (1) or more police officers;
25		(b) Pays every police officer at least the minimum federal wage;
26		(c) <u>Requires all police officers to have, at a minimum, [Maintains the minimum</u>
27		educational requirement of] a high school degree, or its equivalent as

1		dete	rmined by the [Kentucky Law Enforcement] council, except that each
2		<u>poli</u>	ce officer employed prior to the date on which the officer's department
3		was	included as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510[for employment
4		of p	police officers on or after July 1, 1972, and for all sheriffs appointed or
5		elec	ted on or after July 15, 1998, and all deputy sheriffs, and state or public
6		univ	versity police officers employed after July 15, 1998; provided, however,
7		that	all police officers employed prior to July 1, 1972, shall be deemed to have
8		met	the requirements of this subsection, and that all sheriffs serving in office
9		on .	July 15, 1998, all deputy sheriffs, and state or public university police,
10		emp	loyed prior to July 15, 1998,] shall be deemed to have met the
11		requ	irements of this subsection;
12	(d)	1.	Requires all police officers[employed on or after July 1, 1972, and all
13			sheriffs appointed or elected on or after July 15, 1998, and deputy
14			sheriffs, and state or public university police officers employed on or
15			after January 1, 1998,] to successfully complete a basic training course
16			of nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours' duration within one (1) year of
17			the date of employment at a school certified or recognized by the
18			[Kentucky Law Enforcement] council, which may provide a different
19			number of hours of instruction as established in this paragraph, except
20			that each police officer employed prior to the date on which the
21			officer's department was included as a participant under KRS 15.410
22			to 15.510[. All sheriffs serving in office on July 15, 1998, all deputy
23			sheriffs, and state or public university police, employed prior to January
24			1, 1998,] shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this
25			subsection.
26		2.	As the exclusive method by which the number of hours required for
27			basic training courses shall be modified from that which is specifically

1		established by this paragraph, the council may, by the promulgation of
2		administrative regulations in accordance with the provisions of KRS
3		Chapter 13A, explicitly set the exact number of hours for basic training
4		at a number different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours based
5		upon a training curriculum approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement
6		Council as determined by a validated job task analysis.
7	3.	If the council sets an exact number of hours different from nine hundred
8		twenty-eight (928) in an administrative regulation as set out in this
9		paragraph, it shall not further change the number of hours required for
10		basic training without promulgating administrative regulations in
11		accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.
12	4.	Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to prevent the council
13		pursuant to its authority under KRS 15.330 from approving training
14		schools with a curriculum requiring attendance of a number of hours that
15		exceeds nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of hours
16		established in an administrative regulation set out by subparagraphs 2.
17		and 3. of this paragraph. However, the training programs and schools for
18		the basic training of law enforcement personnel conducted by the
19		department pursuant to KRS 15A.070 shall not contain a curriculum that
20		requires attendance of a number of hours for basic training that is
21		different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of
22		hours established in an administrative regulation promulgated by the
23		council pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A as set out by
24		subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph.
25	5.	KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1), and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph

to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the
promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS

1		Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:
2		a. Years of service credit as a law enforcement officer with previous
3		service in another state; and
4		b. Basic training completed in another state;
5	(e)	Requires all police officers[, whether originally employed before or after July
6		1, 1972, and all sheriffs appointed or elected before, on, or after July 15, 1998,
7		and all deputy sheriffs and state or public police officers employed before, on,
8		or after July 15, 1998,] to successfully complete each calendar year an in-
9		service training course, appropriate to the officer's rank and responsibility and
10		the size and location of <i>the officer's</i> [his] department, of forty (40) hours'
11		duration, of which the number of hours shall not be changed by the council, at
12		a school certified or recognized by the [Kentucky Law Enforcement] council.
13		This requirement shall be waived for the period of time that a peace officer is
14		serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. This waiver shall be
15		retroactive for peace officers from the date of September 11, 2001;
16	(f)	Complies[Requires compliance] with all provisions of law applicable to
17		police officers or police department [local police, state or public university
18		police, or sheriffs and their deputies], including transmission of data to the
19		centralized criminal history record information system as required by KRS
20		17.150;
21	(g)	Complies[Requires compliance] with all[reasonable] rules and regulations,
22		appropriate to the size and location of the [local] police department [, state or
23		public university police department, or sheriff's office], issued by the Justice
24		and Public Safety Cabinet to facilitate the administration of the fund and
25		further the purposes of KRS 15.410 to 15.510;
26	(h)	Possesses a written policy and procedures manual related to domestic violence
27		for law enforcement agencies that [meets the standards set forth by, and] has

1 been approved by [.] the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. The policy shall 2 comply with the provisions of KRS 403.715 to 403.785. The policy shall 3 include statement[statements]; definitions; a purpose supervisory 4 responsibilities; procedures for twenty-four (24) hour access to protective orders; procedures for enforcement of court orders or relief when protective 5 6 orders are violated; procedures for timely and contemporaneous reporting of 7 adult abuse and domestic violence to the Cabinet for Health and Family 8 *Services*[Families and Children], Department for Community Based Services; 9 victim rights, assistance, and service responsibilities; and duties related to 10 timely completion of records; and 11 (i) Possesses by January 1, 2017, a written policy and procedures manual related 12 to sexual assault examinations that meets the standards set forth by, and has 13 been approved by, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, and which includes: 14 1. A requirement that evidence collected as a result of an examination 15 performed under KRS 216B.400 be taken into custody within five (5) 16 days of notice from the collecting facility that the evidence is available 17 for retrieval; 18 2. A requirement that evidence received from a collecting facility relating 19 to an incident which occurred outside the jurisdiction of the department 20 be transmitted to a department with jurisdiction within ten (10) days of 21 its receipt by the department; 22 3. A requirement that all evidence retrieved from a collecting facility under 23 this paragraph be transmitted to the Department of Kentucky State 24 Police forensic laboratory within thirty (30) days of its receipt by the

- 25 department;
- A requirement that a suspect standard, if available, be transmitted to the
 Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory with the

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evidence received from a collecting facility; and

5. A process for notifying the victim from whom the evidence was collected of the progress of the testing, whether the testing resulted in a match to other DNA samples, and if the evidence is to be destroyed. The policy may include provisions for delaying notice until a suspect is apprehended or the office of the Commonwealth's attorney consents to the notification, but shall not automatically require the disclosure of the identity of any person to whom the evidence matched.

9 (2)A[No local] unit of government which meets the criteria of this section shall be 10 eligible to continue sharing in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement 11 Foundation Program fund *only if*[unless] the[local] police department *remains in* 12 compliance[, state or public university police department, or sheriff's office actually 13 begins and continues to comply] with the requirements of this section [; provided, 14 further, that no local unit shall be eligible to share in the distribution of funds from 15 the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund until the local police department, 16 state or public university police department, or sheriff's office has substantially 17 complied with subsection (1)(f) and (g) of this section].

18 (3) <u>Deputies employed by</u> a sheriff's office shall <u>be eligible to participate[not lose</u>
 eligibility to share] in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement
 Foundation Program fund <u>regardless of participation by[if]</u> the sheriff[<u>does not</u>
 participate in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund].

- 22(4)(a) A conservation officer shall be a participant in the Kentucky Law23Enforcement Foundation Program fund but shall not receive an annual24supplement from that fund.
- (b) A conservation officer shall receive an annual training stipend, paid from
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 (c) the game and fish fund established in KRS 150.150, commensurate to the
 (c) annual supplement paid to other police officers from the Kentucky Law

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- 2 (5) Failure to meet a deadline established in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection
 3 (1)(i) of this section for the retrieval or submission of evidence shall not be a basis
 4 for a dismissal of a criminal action or a bar to the admissibility of the evidence in a
 5 criminal action.
- 6 \rightarrow Section 4. KRS 15.430 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby established the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund
8 consisting of appropriations from the general fund of the Commonwealth of
9 Kentucky, and insurance premium surcharge proceeds which accrue to this fund
10 pursuant to KRS 42.190 and 136.392. Any other funds, gifts, or grants made
11 available to the state for distribution to [-local] units of government in accordance
12 with the provisions of KRS 15.410 to 15.510 also shall be made a part of this fund.

- 13 (2) All moneys remaining in this fund on July 1, 1982, and deposited thereafter,
 14 including earnings from their investment, shall be deemed a trust and agency
 15 account, but, beginning with fiscal year 1994-95, through June 30, 1999, moneys
 16 remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year in excess of three million
 17 dollars (\$3,000,000) shall lapse. On and after July 1, 1999, moneys in this account
 18 shall not lapse.
- 19 \rightarrow Section 5. KRS 15.450 is amended to read as follows:
- (1) The secretary or <u>the secretary's[his or her]</u> designated representative shall
 administer the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund pursuant to the
 provisions of KRS 15.410 to 15.510 and may promulgate any administrative
 regulations[<u>as</u>, <u>in his or her judgment</u>, <u>are]</u> necessary to carry out <u>the</u>
 <u>secretary's[his]</u> responsibilities under KRS 15.410 to 15.510. Administrative
 hearings promulgated by administrative regulation under authority of this section
 shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- 27 (2) The secretary or <u>the secretary's[his]</u> designated representative[shall determine

1		which local units of government are eligible to share in the Law Enforcement
2		Foundation Program fund and] may withhold or terminate payments to any[local]
3		unit <u>of government</u> that does not comply with the requirements of KRS 15.410 to
4		15.510 or the administrative regulations issued by the Justice and Public Safety
5		Cabinet under KRS 15.410 to 15.510.
6	(3)	The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall, from moneys appropriated and accruing
7		to the fund as provided under KRS 15.430, receive reimbursement for the salaries
8		and other costs of administering the fund, including, but not limited to, council
9		operations and expenses. The amount to be reimbursed for any given year shall be
10		determined by the council and shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total
11		amount of funds for that year.
12	(4)	The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall furnish periodically to the council any
13		reports as may be deemed reasonably necessary.
14		Section 6. KRS 15.460 is amended to read as follows:
15	(1)	(a) Except as provided in subsection (4)(a) of this section, [beginning July 15,
16		1998,] an eligible[local] unit of government shall be entitled to receive[
17		annually a supplement of two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750)
18		for each qualified police officer it employs, and beginning on July 1, 1999,] an
19		annual supplement of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each qualified police
20		officer it employs. The annual supplement amount shall be increased to
21		four thousand dollars (\$4,000) beginning July 1, 2018.
22		(b) 1. In addition to the annual supplement, the unit of government shall
23		receive[, plus] an amount equal to the required employer's contribution
24		on the supplement to the defined benefit pension plan and duty category
25		to which the officer belongs [, but no more than the required employer's
26		contribution to the County Employees Retirement System hazardous
27		duty category]. In the case of County Employees Retirement System

1			membership, the pension contribution on the supplement shall be paid
2			whether the officer enters the system under hazardous duty coverage or
3			nonhazardous coverage. The amounts specified in this paragraph shall
4			include a proportionate amount for any supplemental contributions
5			employers are required to make to any retirement system.
6		2	. The [local] unit of government shall pay the amount received for
7			retirement coverage to the appropriate retirement system to cover the
8			required employer contribution on the pay supplement.
9		<u>3</u>	Should the foundation program funds be insufficient to pay employer
10			contributions to the system, then the total amount available for pension
11			payments shall be prorated to each eligible government so that each
12			receives the same percentage of required pension costs attributable to the
13			cash salary supplement.
14	(2)	<u>The ar</u>	nnual supplement provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be paid by
15		<u>the un</u>	it of government to each police officer whose qualifications resulted in
16		<u>receipt</u>	ts of a supplemental payment. The payment shall be in addition to the
17		police	officer's[Each qualified police officer, whose local government receives a
18		supple	ment pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, shall be paid by the local
19		govern	ment the supplement which his or her qualifications brought to the local
20		govern	ment. The supplement paid each police officer shall be in addition to his or
21		her] re	gular salary and, except as provided in subsection (4)(b) of this section, shall
22		continu	ue to be paid to <i>a police</i> [an] officer who is a member of:
23		(a) T	The Kentucky National Guard during any period of activation under Title 10
24		C	or 32 of the United States Code or KRS 38.030; or
25		(b) A	Any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces during any period
26		O	f activation with the United States Armed Forces.
27	(3)	(a) <u>A</u>	[Each] qualified sheriff who receives the maximum salary allowed by

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- Section 246 of the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 64.527 shall not receive a supplement.
- (b) <u>A[Each]</u> qualified sheriff who does not receive the maximum salary allowed
 by Section 246 of the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 64.527, excluding the
 expense allowance provided by KRS 70.170, shall upon annual settlement
 with the fiscal court under KRS 134.192, receive that portion of the
 supplement that will not cause <u>the sheriff's[his or her]</u> compensation to
 exceed the maximum salary.
- 9 (c) A[Each] qualified sheriff who seeks to participate in the fund shall forward a 10 copy of the annual settlement prepared under KRS 134.192 to the fund. The 11 sheriff shall reimburse the fund if an audit of the annual settlement conducted 12 pursuant to KRS 134.192 reflects that the sheriff received all or a portion of 13 the supplement in violation of this section. A sheriff who fails to provide a 14 copy of the annual settlement to the fund or to reimburse the fund after 15 correction by audit, if required, shall not be qualified to participate in the fund 16 for a period of two (2) years.
- (d) <u>A[Each]</u> qualified deputy sheriff shall receive the supplement from the sheriff
 if the sheriff administers <u>a separate[his or her own]</u> budget or from the county
 treasurer if the sheriff pools <u>the[his or her]</u> fees <u>received by the sheriff</u>. The
 failure of a sheriff to comply with the provisions of this section shall not affect
 the qualification of <u>the qualified deputy sheriff[his or her deputies]</u> to
 participate in the fund.
- (4) (a) Eligible[<u>local]</u> units of government shall receive the salary supplement,
 excluding funds applicable to the employer's pension fund contribution,
 provided in subsection (1) of this section for distribution to <u>a police[an]</u>
 officer who is eligible under subsection (2) of this section.
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A qualified police officer receiving a salary supplement during any period of

1	military activation, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, shall not be
2	entitled to receive the employer's pension system contribution, and the salary
3	supplement shall not be subjected to an employee's contribution to a pension
4	system. The salary supplement shall otherwise be taxable for all purposes.
5	(5) A unit of government receiving disbursements under this section shall follow all
6	laws applicable to it that may govern due process disciplinary procedures for its
7	officers, but this subsection shall not be interpreted to:
8	(a) Authorize the Department of Criminal Justice Training, the Justice and
9	Public Safety Cabinet, or the council to investigate, judge, or exercise any
10	control or jurisdiction regarding the compliance of a unit of government
11	with laws that may govern due process disciplinary procedures for its
12	officers, except as otherwise provided by law;
13	(b) Create a private right of action for any police officer regarding an agency's
14	participation in this section;
15	(c) Authorize a termination of an agency's participation as a result of a
16	judgment that the unit of government failed to follow its procedures in any
17	independent cause of action brought by the police officer against the unit of
18	government; or
19	(d) Prevent the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any laws that may govern
20	the due process disciplinary procedures of a unit of government's police
21	officers.
22	Section 7. KRS 15.470 is amended to read as follows: \blacksquare
23	Law Enforcement Foundation Program funds made available to [local] units of
24	government shall be received, held, and expended in accordance with the provisions of
25	KRS 15.410 to 15.510, including the administrative regulations promulgated by the
26	Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the following specific restrictions:
27	(1) Funds provided shall be used only as a cash salary supplement to police officers, for

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- 1 payments to the defined benefit pension plan to which the officer belongs to cover 2 employer retirement costs on the cash salary supplement, and for administrative 3 costs as provided in KRS 15.450; 4 (2)Funds provided shall be used only to compensate police officers who have complied 5 with KRS 15.440(1)(c), (d), and (e); 6 (3) Each police officer shall be entitled to receive the state supplement which *the* 7 officer's[his] qualifications brought to the local unit of government; 8 (4) Funds provided shall not be used to supplant existing salaries or as a substitute for 9 normal salary increases periodically due to police officers; 10 Each police officer receiving the state supplement who is also a member of the (5)11 Kentucky National Guard or any reserve component of the United States Armed 12 Forces shall continue to receive the state supplement during any period of military 13 activation, as provided in KRS 15.460(2); and 14 (6) Funds distributed or received pursuant to subsection (5) of this section shall be 15 excluded from all aspects of the Kentucky Retirement Systems or any other 16 retirement system. 17 → Section 8. KRS 15.480 is amended to read as follows: 18 The Finance and Administration Cabinet, on the certification of the Justice and Public 19 Safety Cabinet, shall draw warrants as specified hereinafter on the State Treasurer for the 20 amount of the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund due each participating [local] 21 unit of government. Checks shall be issued by the State Treasurer and transmitted to the 22 Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for distribution to the proper officials of participating 23 local units of government which have complied with the provisions of KRS 15.410 to 24 15.510 and the administrative regulations of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.
- 25 Beginning July 1, 1972, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the share of each

eligible and participating[local] unit of government shall be distributed from the Law

27 Enforcement Foundation Program fund.

1		→ Section 9. KRS 15.490 is amended to read as follows:
2	(1)	Each participating [local] unit of government shall submit reports to the Justice and
- 3	(1)	Public Safety Cabinet on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of
4		each year containing information relative to number, rank, education, training, and
5		compensation of police officers employed by it and the disposition made of any
6		state or other funds received pursuant to KRS 15.410 to 15.510. Nothing in this
7		section shall prohibit the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet from requiring
8		additional information or reports from participating[local] units of government;
9	(2)	[Local]Units of government shall include the additional compensation paid to each
10		police officer from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund as a part of the
11		officer's salary in determining all payroll deductions.
12		→Section 10. KRS 15.500 is amended to read as follows:
13	(1)	If funds appropriated by the General Assembly and otherwise made available to the
14		Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund are insufficient to provide the amount
15		of money required by KRS 15.460, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall
16		establish the rate of assistance to be paid [to eligible local units of governments].
17	(2)	Funds unexpended by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet at the close of the fiscal
18		year for which the funds were appropriated and otherwise made available to this
19		fund, pursuant to KRS 15.430, 42.190 and 136.392, shall not lapse as provided by
20		KRS 45.229 but shall be carried forward into the following fiscal year and shall be
21		used solely for the purposes specified in KRS 15.410 to 15.500.
22		\Rightarrow Section 11. Whereas the support of our law enforcement and firefighter
23	com	munity is critical, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its
24	pass	age and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

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