

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship and declaring
2 an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7879, if the grade point average
5 of an eligible high school student reported by the high school for the 2021-2022 academic
6 year is higher than the student's grade point average reported for the 2020-2021 academic
7 year, then the student's grade point average for the 2021-2022 academic year shall be used
8 for the purpose of determining the student's KEES base amount for the 2020-2021
9 academic year, except if the student was a senior during the 2020-2021 academic year
10 then the student's grade point average reported for the 2019-2020 academic year, if
11 higher, shall be used.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the requirement in KRS 164.7874(7) that an eligible high
13 school student must have a 2.5 grade point average, if the student's grade point average
14 for the 2020-2021 academic year was at least a 2.0 and the student was an eligible high
15 school student with at least a 2.5 grade point average for the 2021-2022 academic year, or
16 if a senior, for the 2019-2020 academic year, the provisions of this section shall also
17 apply.

18 ➔Section 2. Whereas the COVID-19 public health emergency has caused a
19 significant disruption in education and has impacted the achievement and grades of
20 Kentucky's students, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its
21 passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.