

1 AN ACT relating to a college and career readiness pilot program and making an  
2 appropriation therefor.

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

4 ➔Section 1. (1) For the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years, during the  
5 fall of grade 12, a student shall have the option to:

6 (a) Retake the college admissions assessment described in KRS 158.6453(5)(b)5.;

7 or

8 (b) Take a series of nationally recognized career readiness assessments to evaluate  
9 skills in the areas of workplace documents, applied math, and graphic literacy that lead to  
10 the National Career Readiness Certificate.

11 (2) After being advised by the high school of the testing options described in  
12 subsection (1) of this section, a student's parent or guardian, or the student if he or she is  
13 age 18 or older, shall notify the school of which option is selected, if any. A student for  
14 whom no selection is made by the parent or guardian may choose to retake the college  
15 admissions assessment or take the career readiness assessments that lead to the National  
16 Career Readiness Certificate.

17 (3) The cost of the assessments taken under this section shall be paid for by the  
18 Kentucky Department of Education.

19 ➔Section 2. By November 1, 2024, the Kentucky Department of Education shall  
20 provide a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint  
21 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on the assessments administered under  
22 Section 1 of this Act, including but not limited to improvement in the results of the  
23 college readiness examination from grade 11 to grade 12, the number of students who  
24 earn the National Career Readiness Certificate, and recommendations regarding the  
25 continuance of the pilot program.

26 ➔Section 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Kentucky Department of  
27 Education General Fund moneys in the amount of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023

- 1 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 for the purpose of providing the assessments as
- 2 described in Section 1 of this Act.