

1 AN ACT relating to students enrolled at Kentucky State University and making an  
2 appropriation therefor.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Academic term" means the fall or spring semester;

8 (b) "Eligible institution" means the University of Kentucky, University of  
9 Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University,  
10 Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky  
11 University, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;

12 (c) "Eligible program of study" means a course or program that could result in  
13 the award of a bachelor's degree or lower, including an associate degree,  
14 certificate, diploma, or other credential; and

15 (d) "Eligible student" means any person who:

16 1. Is a United States citizen;

17 2. Is a Kentucky resident as determined by the eligible institution in  
18 accordance with criteria established by the Council on Postsecondary  
19 Education for the purposes of admission and tuition assessment;

20 3. Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution on at  
21 least a half-time basis;

22 4. Maintains satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at an eligible  
23 institution; and

24 5. Was enrolled as a Kentucky resident student at Kentucky State  
25 University on at least a half-time basis for the fall and spring  
26 academic terms of the 2021-2022 academic year.

27 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, tuition and mandatory fees, on-

1 campus room fees, and meal plan fees for attendance at an eligible institution  
2 shall be waived for an eligible student.

3 (3) The eligible student shall complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
4 each academic year to determine the level of need and eligibility for state and  
5 federal financial aid programs. If the sum of the waiver plus other student  
6 financial assistance, except loans and the work study program under 20 U.S.C.  
7 secs. 1087-51 to 1087-58, from all sources exceeds the student's total cost of  
8 attendance, as defined in 20 U.S.C. sec. 1087ll, the waiver shall be reduced by the  
9 amount exceeding the total cost of attendance.

10 (4) Eligibility for the waiver shall terminate upon the earlier of:

11 (a) Receiving the waiver for twelve (12) academic terms;

12 (b) Obtaining a bachelor's degree; or

13 (c) June 30, 2028.

14 (5) The cost of all waivers provided under this section shall be paid by the  
15 Commonwealth of Kentucky. Each eligible institution shall submit a request for  
16 reimbursement to the Council on Postsecondary Education for the total waiver  
17 amount incurred by the institution for the academic year by April 30 of each  
18 fiscal year. The waiver amount shall be deemed a necessary government expense  
19 and shall be paid from the general fund surplus account described in KRS 48.700  
20 or the budget reserve trust fund described in KRS 48.705.

21 (6) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2028.