

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile justice and making an appropriation therefor.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15A IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) There is hereby created in the Department of Juvenile Justice a trust and agency*  
6 *account to be known as the juvenile services fund. The fund shall consist of*  
7 *moneys received from state appropriations, gifts, grants, and federal funds.*

8 *(2) The fund shall be administered by the Department of Juvenile Justice.*

9 *(3) Amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for:*

10 *(a) Delinquency prevention and early intervention services for youth;*

11 *(b) Providing individualized, community-based wraparound services for justice-*  
12 *involved youth and their families;*

13 *(c) Alternatives to detention; and*

14 *(d) Re-entry programs and facilities.*

15 *(4) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, fund amounts not expended at the close of a fiscal*  
16 *year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year.*

17 *(5) Any interest earnings of the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall not*  
18 *lapse.*

19 *(6) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth*  
20 *in this section and shall not be appropriated or transferred by the General*  
21 *Assembly for any other purposes.*

22 *(7) The General Assembly recognizes that expenditures on delinquency prevention,*  
23 *wraparound services, reentry, and alternatives to detention reduce juvenile*  
24 *delinquency, recidivism, and involvement in the adult justice system, and*  
25 *therefore finds that:*

26 *(a) The fund established by this section should receive significant funding,*  
27 *indicative of the Commonwealth's commitment to the future of our youth;*

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and  
(b) The General Assembly should shift the funding priorities in juvenile justice to reduce the incarceration of children and increase the use of supportive programming.

➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the fund created in Section 1 of this Act.