

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Cybersecurity Center 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) The General Assembly hereby finds that there is a growing threat of cyberattacks*  
7 *across Kentucky. There is a need to address this threat by bringing together*  
8 *public and private partners for workforce development, research, innovation, and*  
9 *economic development. The National Security Agency, the United States*  
10 *Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Department of Defense*  
11 *have made significant investments in cybersecurity research, workforce training,*  
12 *and education at the University of Louisville.*

13 *(2) There is hereby created and established the Kentucky Cybersecurity Center*  
14 *within the University of Louisville. For purposes of this section, the Kentucky*  
15 *Cybersecurity Center shall be known as "KentuckyCYBER." The University of*  
16 *Louisville shall have the authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend*  
17 *funds, and operate the normal business activities of KentuckyCYBER.*

18 *(3) It shall be the purpose of KentuckyCYBER to:*

19 *(a) Educate state and local agencies and private sector participants about how*  
20 *to maintain secure cyberinfrastructure; and*

21 *(b) Accelerate the adoption of cybersecurity systems in the Commonwealth by*  
22 *combining the assets of higher education, state and federal agencies, and*  
23 *private companies.*

24 *(4) The duties of KentuckyCYBER shall include but not be limited to:*

25 *(a) Train and upskill a workforce to provide cybersecurity solutions for*  
26 *Kentucky businesses, state and local government, and federal, state, and*  
27 *local law enforcement;*

- 1        (b) Provide cybersecurity resources, including but not limited to cyber ranges  
2        and incident response teams, to assist state and local government, major  
3        economic sectors including healthcare and manufacturing, and critical  
4        infrastructure systems operators throughout Kentucky;
- 5        (c) Enhance economic development through cybersecurity initiatives that serve  
6        major economic sectors of Kentucky;
- 7        (d) Create a cyber-innovation ecosystem for state and federal government, law  
8        enforcement, the private sector, and K-12 and higher education institutions  
9        to innovate rapidly and strengthen Kentucky's cybersecurity defenses with a  
10       qualified workforce;
- 11       (e) Establish a cybersecurity research center and provide support to build the  
12       research capacity necessary to successfully compete for projects funded by  
13       the federal government and private industry participants; and
- 14       (f) Provide nonpartisan cybersecurity advice and recommendations to  
15       Kentucky policymakers.
- 16       (5) There is hereby created a trust and revolving fund to be known as the  
17       KentuckyCYBER fund. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the  
18       General Assembly, contributions, gifts, or grants made available for the purposes  
19       set forth in this section, which shall be excluded from the comprehensive funding  
20       model established in KRS 164.092.
- 21       (6) The fund shall be administered by the University of Louisville or its designated  
22       department.
- 23       (7) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the close of  
24       the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
- 25       (8) Any interest earnings of the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall not  
26       lapse.
- 27       (9) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth

1        *in this section and shall not be appropriated or transferred by the General*  
2        *Assembly for any other purpose.*

3        ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
4        \$1,040,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$10,700,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the  
5        KentuckyCYBER Fund.