

On page 8, after line 13, insert the following:

" \Rightarrow Section 2. (1) To the extent that funds are made available for the purpose, a local board of education shall provide a one-time award to any employee of a converted career and technical education center as defined in subsection (1)(e) of Section 1 of this Act who was employed by the converted career and technical education center at the time of conversion and remained employed by the converted career and technical education center on January 1, 2024 and remains employed. The one-time award shall be an amount based on the raises provided for executive branch state employees and shall provide the qualifying employees would have received had the career and technical education center remained under state operation. The amounts shall be calculated by the Kentucky Department of Education for each qualifying employee.

(2) A local board of education shall request reimbursement for these purposes from the fund to support education excellence described in KRS 157.330. If the amount appropriated is insufficient, then each award shall be reduced proportionally.

(3) The Kentucky Department of Education shall ensure equitable distribution of funds required under this section.

→Section 3. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Support Education Excellence in

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Kentucky (SEEK) Program budget unit to establish and administer the award as outlined in Section 2 of this Act."; and

On page 8, lines 14 through 16, delete all language and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"→Section 4. Whereas it is critical to ensure that funding for career and technical education creates funding equity across the state, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law, and Section 1 of this Act takes effect on July 1, 2024.".