

On page 9, after line 3, insert the following language:

"Section 2. (1) To the extent that funds are made available for this 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 who remains employed by the same local board of education that assumed operational control. The one-time award shall be an amount up to 14.48 percent of the employee's salary at the time of conversion, which is based on the raises subsequently provided for executive branch state employees and shall provide the qualifying employees what they would have received had the career and technical education for each qualifying employee.

(2) A local board of education shall request reimbursement for the amount of one-time award payments made pursuant to this section from the fund to support education excellence in Kentucky established in KRS 157.330. If the amount appropriated for reimbursement of award payments is insufficient, then each award shall be reduced proportionally.

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

(4) Notwithstanding the payment provided in subsection (1) of this section being a one-

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time award, a local board of education may recognize the one-time award amount as reflective of the appropriate annual salary for an employee receiving the award under the conditions established by subsection (1) of this section, and may use resources available to the local board of education to increase an employee's annual salary accordingly.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$170,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the fund to support education excellence in Kentucky established in KRS 157.330 to support the payment of awards set forth in Section 2 of this Act."; and

On page 9, lines 4 through 6, delete all language and insert in lieu thereof:

"Section 4. Whereas it is critical to ensure that funding for career and technical education is equitable across the state, aligns with fiscal years, reflects student enrollment, and fosters successful outcomes in workforce preparation, an emergency is declared to exist, and Section 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.".