- 1 AN ACT relating to school district buildings.
- 2 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
- 3 → SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO
- 4 READ AS FOLLOWS:
- 5 For the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing or acquiring any school buildings
- 6 and appurtenances for common school purposes, any school district may issue a
- 7 general obligation bond, including bonds sold directly to banks, private investors, and
- 8 financial institutions pursuant to KRS Chapter 66.
- 9 → Section 2. KRS 157.611 is amended to read as follows:
- 10 (1) By establishing the School Facilities Construction Commission, the General
- 11 Assembly expresses its commitment to help local districts meet the school
- construction needs and the education technology needs of the state in a manner
- which will insure an equitable distribution of funds based on unmet facilities need
- and the total implementation of the Kentucky Education Technology System.
- 15 (2) The commission is empowered to act on behalf of school districts to issue bonds in
- the name of the commission and to enter into lease agreements with local boards of
- 17 education to finance construction of new facilities, major renovation of existing
- school facilities. The commission is also empowered to enter into agreements which
- may provide for a percentage discount, on a biennially renewable basis, of annual
- lease agreements due the commission for those districts which participate. The
- 21 commission is also empowered to enter into lease agreements with the Department
- of Education to build state-owned facilities operated by the Department of
- Education or to purchase or lease education technology equipment and related
- software identified in the technology master plan for those facilities or the
- 25 Department of Education.
- 26 (3) The commission shall assist local school boards meet their education technology
- 27 needs by distributing state funds appropriated for this purpose and by assisting

school boards to design efficient finance plans for the bonding, purchase or lease of education technology equipment and related software identified in the technology master plan.

- 4 (4) The commission shall administer two (2) separate programs: the school construction funding program and the education technology funding program.

 Funds appropriated for each program shall be maintained, administered, and audited
- Nothing in KRS 157.611 to 157.640 shall prohibit a school district from issuing bonds, *including general obligation bonds*, in accordance with KRS Chapter 162.
- Section 3. KRS 160.160 is amended to read as follows:

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- (1) Each school district shall be under the management and control of a board of education consisting of five (5) members, except in counties containing a city of the first class wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished which shall have seven (7) members elected from the divisions and in the manner prescribed by KRS 160.210(5), to be known as the "Board of Education of, Kentucky." Each board of education shall be a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession. It may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual board member in his official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his performance of legal duties as a board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created. Each board of education shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from its membership in a manner and for a term prescribed by the board not to exceed two (2) years.
- 26 (2) No board of education shall participate in any financing of school buildings, school improvements, appurtenances thereto, or furnishing and equipment, including

education technology equipment without:

(a) First establishing the cost of the project in advance of financing, based on the receipt of advertised, public, and competitive bids for such project, in accordance with KRS Chapter 424; and

- (b) Establishing the cost of financing in advance of the sale of any bonds, certificates of participation in any leases, or other evidences of financial commitments issued by or on behalf of such board. Any bonds, leases, participations, or other financial arrangements shall not involve a final commitment of the board until the purchaser or lender involved shall have been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.
- (3) No board of education shall make a mortgage, lien, or other encumbrance upon any school building owned by the board, or transfer title to any such school building as part of any financing arrangement, without the specific approval of the Department of Education, and without the transaction being entered into pursuant to a detailed plan or procedure specifically authorized by Kentucky statute.
- (4) Without the approval of the Department of Education, no board may lease, as lessee, a building or public facility that has been or is to be financed at the request of the board or on its behalf through the issuance of bonds by another public body or by a nonprofit corporation serving as an agency and instrumentality of the board, or by a leasing corporation. Any lease, participation, or other financial arrangement shall not involve a final commitment of the board unless and until the purchaser or lender involved in same shall have been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424. No transaction shall be entered into by the board except upon the basis of public advertising and competitive bidding in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.
- (5) Without the approval of the Department of Education, no school district may issue general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds shall be entered into

1		<u>upor</u>	the basis of public advertising and competitive bidding in accordance with
2		KRS	Chapter 424.
3	<u>(6)</u>	Rent	al payments due by a board under a lease approved by the Department of
4		Educ	cation in accordance with subsection (4) of this section, and debt service
5		<u>payn</u>	nents under a general obligation bond issue approved by the Department of
6		<u>Edu</u>	cation in accordance with this section, shall be due and payable not less than
7		ten ((10) days prior to the interest due date for the bonds, notes, or other debt
8		oblig	gations issued to finance the building or public facility. If a board fails to make
9		a ren	ital payment when due under a lease or a debt service payment when due for a
10		gene	eral obligation bond issue, upon notification to the Department of Education by
11		the p	paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee for the bonds not less than three (3) days
12		prior	to the interest due date, the Department of Education shall withhold or
13		inter	cept any funds then due the board to the extent of the amount of the required
14		payn	nent on the bonds and remit the amount to the paying agent, bond registrar, or
15		trust	ee as appropriate. Thereafter, the Department of Education shall resolve the
16		matt	er with the board and adjust remittances to the board to the extent of the
17		amo	unt paid by the Department of Education on the board's behalf.
18	<u>(7)</u> {((6)]	Bonds, notes or leases negotiated to provide education technology shall not be
19		sold	for longer than seven (7) years or the useful life of the equipment as
20		estab	plished by the state technology master plan, whichever is less.
21	<u>(8)</u> [((7)]	Notwithstanding any requirements of public advertising, competitive bidding,
22		or a	pproval by the Department of Education, or any administrative regulation
23		pron	nulgated pursuant to KRS 156.160(1)(o), a local board may authorize the
24		trans	fer or sale of the district's real or personal property to another governmental or
25		quas	i-governmental agency in exchange for money or a similar type of property that
26		equa	ls or exceeds the fair market value of the district property as determined by an
27		inde	pendent appraisal conducted by:

1 (a) An individual or organization not affiliated with the district or its officers or 2 employees, using a generally accepted national or professional standard; or 3 (b) A district's officers or employees using a nationally published valuation of property based on the most recent edition of the publication. 4 → Section 4. KRS 157.627 is amended to read as follows: 5 In connection with each bond issue of the commission as defined in KRS 157.615(3), it 6 7 shall be the duty of the commission: 8 (1)To require the district board of education to insure the project to its full insurable 9 value, or to the amount of the bonds outstanding from time to time, whichever is the 10 less, against the hazards covered by the standard fire insurance policy with standard 11 endorsement of "extended coverage," and to require that a copy of each policy be 12 delivered to the commission for inspection and for its records; 13 To require periodic accounting from all depositories of funds, the same to be (2) 14 submitted on forms prepared and supplied by the commission; 15 (3) To furnish to the certified public accountant auditing the district, summary 16 identification and description of each issue, and to request that the financial records 17 of the board of education relating thereto be audited as a part of the annual audit of 18 the board of education, and that a separate statement or report thereof be filed with 19 the commission; 20 (4) To send to each board of education at least thirty (30) days before the due date of 21 any debt service or rental payment a notice of the amount of debt service or rental 22 to become due and the date thereof, and to require acknowledgment thereof; and

To receive from the board of education, satisfactory evidence that sufficient funds have been transmitted to the commission or its agent, or will be so transmitted, in the event of the board's failure to pay debt service and administrative costs when due, as provided in the *indenture or* lease, to notify and request that the department withhold from the board of education a sufficient portion of any undisbursed funds

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then held or set aside or allocated to it, and to request that the department transfer the required amount thereof to the commission for the account of the board of education.

- 4 → Section 5. KRS 304.48-250 is amended to read as follows:
- 5 (1) If the assets of a liability self-insurance group are at any time insufficient to enable
 6 the group to discharge its legal liabilities, other obligations, and to maintain the
 7 required reserves under this subtitle, the group shall immediately levy an
 8 assessment upon its members for the amount necessary to make up the deficiency.
- 9 (2) If there is a deficiency in any fund year, the deficiency shall be made up immediately, from the following:
- 11 (a) Surplus from a fund year other than the current fund year after prior notice of 12 the transfer has been given to the commissioner;
- 13 (b) Administrative funds;
- 14 (c) Assessment of membership; or
- 15 (d) Alternate methods as the commissioner may direct or approve.
- 16 (3) If a liability self-insurance group fails to assess its members within thirty (30) days
 17 to make up a deficit, the commissioner shall order it to do so. This subsection shall
 18 not apply to liability self-insurance groups formed by governmental entities which
 19 do not have joint and several liability.
- 20 (4) If a liability self-insurance group fails to make the required assessment of its members within thirty (30) days after the commissioner orders it to do so, or if the deficiency is not fully made up within sixty (60) days after the date on which the assessment is made, or within a longer period of time as may be permitted by the commissioner, the group shall be determined to be insolvent and may be placed in delinquency proceedings as an insurer pursuant to Subtitle 33 of this chapter.
- 26 (5) (a) Governmental entities that:
- 27 1. Participate or have participated in a liability self-insurance group

1		authorized by this subtitle; and
2		2. Are assessed by the liability self-insurance group to cover an accrued
3		deficit;
4		may finance the payment of the assessment over a period not to exceed twenty
5		(20) years.
6		(b) Financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may be
7		accomplished by:
8		1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or
9		2. A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.
10		(c) If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing
11		obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to
12		that governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process
13		established in KRS 160.160 <u>(6)</u> [(5)].
14	(6)	Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, all other provisions of the
15		Kentucky Revised Statutes applying to any financing obtained by a governmental
16		entity shall apply.
17		→ Section 6. KRS 304.50-055 is amended to read as follows:
18	(1)	As used in this section, "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" or
19		"NRSRO" means a credit rating agency approved by the United States Securities
20		and Exchange Commission to provide assessments of the creditworthiness of
21		financial instruments.
22	(2)	A workers' compensation self-insured group shall establish plans for premium
23		payment, determination and collection of assessments, and for declaration and
24		payment of dividends or other disbursements, which shall be filed for prior
25		approval with the commissioner. Any change in the plans for premium payment,
26		assessments, or dividends shall be filed for prior approval with the commissioner.
27		Approval of plans for assessments and dividends does not constitute approval of

any particular assessment or dividend by the commissioner.

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(3) Prior to the inception of each group member's self-insurance year, the trustees shall collect from that member at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated premium for the ensuing year, except that in the case of a self-insured group formed by governmental entities twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated premium for the ensuing year shall be collected no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the self-insured group's self-insurance year. The balance of the estimated premium shall be collected in either quarterly or monthly installments as set forth in the enabling documents described in KRS 304.50-030(2)(b) or 304.50-060(2)(b). Each group member's payroll shall be audited annually and an adjustment to premium shall be made accordingly.

- A disbursement from a workers' compensation self-insured group fund shall be for a purpose related to the self-insured group. A dividend shall not be approved or paid until at least thirty-six (36) months after the expiration of the self-insurance year and shall be paid from surplus funds not required for payment of claims or other liabilities. The dividends shall be paid or credited to members according to the reasonable classifications the trustees may establish. A dividend shall not be paid which unfairly discriminates between members of the same classifications. A dividend plan shall specify whether past group members are eligible for the dividend. Payment of a dividend under a dividend plan shall not be made unless the self-insured group has notified the commissioner of its intent to make a dividend payment at least thirty (30) days prior to the payment, and the commissioner has not disapproved the payment within that time.
- 24 (5) The formula to be used for collection of assessments shall be determined by the 25 trustees and approved by the commissioner. Assessments shall be fair and equitable 26 and shall not unfairly discriminate between members of the same classification.
- 27 (6) A trustee, fiscal agent, or service organization shall not utilize an asset of the self-

1		ınsu	red group for a purpose unrelated to workers compensation. The trustees shall		
2		maii	ntain cash or cash equivalent accounts as may be prudently necessary to pay		
3		expe	expenses without having to liquidate long-term investments.		
4	(7)	The	trustees may invest funds in:		
5		(a)	United States Government bonds, United States Treasury notes, Treasury		
6			bills, or other direct obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the		
7			United States Government or its agencies;		
8		(b)	Tax exempt and taxable obligations issued by any state or any of its agencies,		
9			counties, cities, municipalities, districts, political subdivisions, or other legal		
10			authorities within the United States of America with a minimum rating of		
11			"BBB" by any NRSRO, except that no less than fifty percent (50%) of the		
12			investments made under this paragraph shall be in obligations issued by the		
13			Commonwealth, its agencies, or a county, city district, municipality, political		
14			subdivision, or other legal authority within the Commonwealth;		
15		(c)	Investment share accounts in a savings and loan association in the		
16			Commonwealth whose deposits are insured by a federal agency;		
17		(d)	Certificates of deposit if issued by a duly chartered commercial bank;		
18		(e)	1. At the time of purchase, equity securities actively traded on the New		
19			York or NASDAQ Stock Exchanges or other registered national		
20			securities exchanges with no individual equity holding comprising		
21			greater than ten percent (10%) of the equity portion of the portfolio		
22			reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial		
23			condition on file with the commissioner.		

- 2. An investment in an individual equity holding shall not represent at the time of purchase more than five percent (5%) of the total market value of the security.
- 3. At the time of purchase, investments in equity securities shall not exceed

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1				twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of the investment
2				portfolio of the self-insured group reflected on the most recent quarterly
3				or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner;
4		(f)	Corp	porate bonds if:
5			1.	The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution
6				created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state,
7				province, district, or territory;
8			2.	At the time of purchase, the corporate bond investments do not exceed
9				twenty-five percent (25%) of the total market value of the investment
10				portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of
11				financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
12			3.	The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO;
13		(g)	At t	he time of purchase, mutual funds and exchange traded funds if the
14			inve	stments do not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of
15			the	investment portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual
16			state	ement of financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
17		(h)	Asse	et-backed securities if:
18			1.	The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution
19				created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state,
20				province, district, or territory;
21			2.	The asset-backed security investments do not exceed ten percent (10%)
22				of the total market value of the investment portfolio reflected on the
23				most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file
24				with the commissioner; and
25			3.	The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO.
26	(8)	Of the	he agg	gregate investments made by the trustees of the self-insured group under
27		this	sectio	n:

1		(a)	Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total market value of the entire		
2			investment portfolio shall be held in cash, cash equivalents, or securities as		
3			described in subsection (7)(a) to (d) of this section; and		
4		(b)	A minimum of five percent (5%) of the total investment portfolio value shall		
5			be maintained in cash or cash equivalent accounts or United States Treasury		
6			and Federal Agency Securities with a remaining maturity of one (1) year or		
7			less.		
8	(9)	In th	e event that any security investment authorized by subsection (7) of this section		
9		is do	wngraded below "BBB," the workers' compensation self-insurance group shall		
10		dive	st itself of that investment as prudently as possible without incurring		
11		unne	nnecessary losses.		
12	(10)	The	commissioner may permit variation from the requirements of this section for		
13		good	good cause.		
14	(11)	(a)	Governmental entities that:		
15			1. Participate or have participated in a workers' compensation self-insured		
16			group authorized by this subtitle; and		
17			2. Are assessed by the workers' compensation self-insured group to cover		
18			an accrued deficit;		
19			may finance the payment of the assessment over a period not to exceed twenty		
20			(20) years.		
21		(b)	Financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may be		
22			accomplished by:		
23			1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or		
24			2. A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.		
25		(c)	If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing		
26			obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to		
27			that governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process		

- 1 established in KRS 160.160(6)[(5)].
- 2 (12) Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section, all other provisions of the
- 3 Kentucky Revised Statutes applying to any financing obtained by a governmental
- 4 entity shall apply.
- Section 7. KRS 66.011 is amended to read as follows:
- 6 As used in this chapter, unless otherwise expressly provided:
- 7 (1) "Bonds" means bonds, notes, commercial paper, and other instruments in writing,
- 8 authorized by or issued pursuant to or in accordance with this chapter, to evidence
- 9 an obligation to repay or guarantee the repayment of money borrowed, or to pay
- interest by, or to pay at any future time other money obligations.
- 11 (2) "Capitalized interest" means all or a portion of the interest payable on bonds from
- their date to a date stated or provided for in the proceedings, which interest is to be
- paid from the proceeds of the bonds.
- 14 (3) "Credit enhancement facilities" means letters of credit; lines of credit; stand-by,
- 15 contingent, or firm bond purchase agreements; insurance, or surety arrangements;
- guarantees, and other arrangements that provide for direct or contingent payment of
- bonds; interest or redemption premium on bonds, for security or additional security
- in the event of nonpayment or default in respect of bonds, or for making payment of
- bonds; interest or redemption premium on bonds to and at the option and on
- demand of the holders of bonds or at the option of the issuer or upon certain
- 21 conditions occurring under put or similar arrangements, or for otherwise supporting
- 22 the credit or liquidity of bonds; and includes credit, reimbursement, marketing,
- 23 remarketing, indexing, carrying, interest rate hedge, and subrogation agreements,
- and other agreements and arrangements for payment and reimbursement of the
- person providing the credit enhancement facilities and the security for that payment
- and reimbursement.

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(4) "Debt charges" means the principal, including any mandatory sinking fund deposits,

interest, and any redemption premium, payable on bonds as the payments come due and are payable and any charges related to credit enhancement facilities. The use of "debt charges" for this purpose does not imply that any particular obligations constitute debt within the meaning of the Kentucky Constitution or other laws.

- 5 (5) "Financing costs" means all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and carrying costs of bonds including charges related to credit enhancement facilities which are not debt charges.
- 8 (6) "Floating indebtedness" means the amount by which the total of all expenditures by
 9 an issuer in any fiscal year exceeds the total of all funds and receipts of the issuer
 10 for that fiscal year which are available to the issuer for the purpose of funding those
 11 expenditures, but only to the extent that the governing body of the issuer made
 12 good-faith estimates of expenditures and funds and receipts available to fund those
 13 expenditures and the short-fall in available funds and receipts was due to
 14 unforeseeable circumstances or events.
- 15 (7) "Fully-registered bonds" means bonds in certificated or uncertificated form, 16 registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner.
- 17 (8) "Interest" or "interest equivalent" means those payments or portions of payments,
 18 however denominated, that constitute or represent consideration for forbearing the
 19 collection of money, or for deferring the receipt or payment of money to a future
 20 time.
- 21 (9) "Issuer" means a county, city, urban-county, charter county, or other taxing district, 22 and for purposes of making any determinations required under this chapter, may 23 include an authorized representative of the issuer.
- 24 (10) "Governing body" means the legislative authority of the issuer.
- 25 (11) "Legislation" means an ordinance or resolution passed by a governing body.
- 26 (12) "Mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements" means amounts required by 27 proceedings to be deposited in a sinking fund for the purpose of paying, by

I		man	datory redemption prior to stated maturity, the principal of bonds that is due		
2		and	payable in a subsequent year or fiscal year.		
3	(13)	"Net	t indebtedness" means the principal amount of outstanding bonds of an issuer as		
4		dete	rmined in accordance with KRS 66.031.		
5	(14)	"No	tes" means bonds that mature no later than five (5) years from the date they are		
6		issu	ed.		
7	(15)	"Obligation" means instruments in writing, which are not bonds within the meaning			
8		of tl	his chapter, that evidence an obligation to repay money borrowed, or to pay		
9		inter	rest by, or to pay at any future time other money obligations, including, without		
10		limi	tation, installment sale, lease, lease purchase, or similar agreements, which		
11		oblig	gations bear interest or an interest equivalent.		
12	(16)	"Ou	"Outstanding," referring to bonds, means bonds that have been issued, delivered,		
13		and	paid for, except any of the following:		
14		(a)	Bonds canceled upon surrender, exchange, or transfer, or upon payment or		
15			redemption;		
16		(b)	Bonds in replacement of which or in exchange for which other bonds have		
17			been issued; or		
18		(c)	Bonds for the payment, or redemption or purchase for cancellation prior to		
19			maturity, of which sufficient moneys or investments, in accordance with the		
20			applicable legislation or other proceedings or any applicable law, by		
21			mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements, or otherwise, have been		
22			deposited, and credited in a sinking fund or with a trustee or paying or escrow		
23			agent, whether at or prior to their maturity or redemption, and, in the case of		
24			bonds to be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, notice of redemption has		
25			been given or satisfactory arrangements have been made for giving notice of		
26			that redemption, or waiver of that notice by or on behalf of the affected bond		
27			holders has been filed with the issuer or its agent.		

(17) "Public project" means any property, asset, or improvement certified by the governing body, which certification is conclusive, as being for a public purpose and having an estimated life or period of usefulness of one (1) year or more, and includes, but is not limited to, real estate, buildings, and personal property, equipment, furnishings, and site improvements, and reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation, installation, improvement, enlargement, and extension of property, assets, or improvements so certified as having an estimated life or period of usefulness of one (1) year or more and is to be used for a public purpose.

- 9 (18) "Person" or "persons" means political and corporate entities, societies,
 10 communities, the public generally, individuals, partnerships, and joint stock
 11 companies.
- 12 (19) "Proceedings" means the legislation, certifications, notices, orders, sale
 13 proceedings, trust agreements or indentures, mortgages, leases, lease-purchase
 14 agreements, assignments, credit enhancement facility agreements, and other
 15 agreements, instruments, and documents, as amended and supplemented, providing
 16 for the terms and conditions applicable to, or providing for the security or sale or
 17 award of, bonds, and includes the provisions set forth or incorporated in those
 18 bonds and proceedings.
- 19 (20) "Refund" means to provide for the payment of debt charges and expenses related to
 20 that payment at or prior to retirement by purchase, call for redemption, payment at
 21 maturity, or otherwise, outstanding obligations of an issuer or its instrumentality,
 22 including, without limitation, bonds.
- 23 (21) "Register" means the books kept and maintained for registration, exchange, and transfer of registered bonds.
- 25 (22) "Self-supporting obligations" means obligations issued for the purpose of paying 26 costs of public projects to the extent that receipts of the issuer, other than the 27 proceeds of taxes levied by that issuer, derived from or with respect to that public

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1 project or the operation of the public project being financed, or the enterprise, 2 system, or category of public project of which the public project being financed is 3 part, are estimated by the governing body or a representative of the governing body 4 to be sufficient to pay the current expenses of that operation or of that public project, enterprise, or system and the debt charges payable from those receipts on 5 6 obligations issued for that public project. 7 (23) "Sinking fund" means a fund established for the management of moneys to be used 8 for the retirement of outstanding bonds. 9 (24) "State local debt officer" as used in this chapter and other provisions of law, means 10 the commissioner, Department for Local Government or the commissioner's agent 11 designated in writing. 12 (25)"Taxing district" means an issuer, other than a county, city, urban-county, or charter 13 county authorized to levy ad valorem taxes within the meaning of Section 157 of 14 the Constitution of Kentucky which is not a school district. (26) "Tax-supported lease" means a lease entered into under KRS 65.942 to 65.956 in 15 16 which the lessee has agreed to levy and collect taxes to make lease payments.