

1 AN ACT relating to early childhood education.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall offer an associate*
6 *degree program in interdisciplinary early childhood education entrepreneurship.*

7 *(2) An individual may pursue an associate degree in Interdisciplinary Early*
8 *Childhood Education Entrepreneurship regardless of pre-existing earned credit*
9 *hours or degrees.*

10 *(3) Course content for an associate degree program in Interdisciplinary Early*
11 *Childhood Education Entrepreneurship shall include at a minimum:*

12 *(a) Child development milestones;*

13 *(b) Understanding and detecting child abuse and neglect;*

14 *(c) Identifying and understanding state and federal child-care regulations;*

15 *(d) Curriculum for children between birth and five (5) years of age;*

16 *(e) Child assessment and special education;*

17 *(f) Classroom assessment and design;*

18 *(g) Best practices for working with families;*

19 *(h) Business design for child-care centers and family child-care homes;*

20 *(i) Finance, budgeting, and business taxes;*

21 *(j) Marketing and advertising; and*

22 *(k) Interviewing, hiring, and staff management and assessment.*

23 *(4) The associate degree program in interdisciplinary early childhood education*
24 *entrepreneurship shall be part of Kentucky's early childhood professional*
25 *development ladder, and it will be a stackable part of the credential and degree*
26 *program with the commonwealth child-care credential, the child development*
27 *associates certificate, the director's credential, the infant and toddler credential,*

1 *the school-age credential, and the bachelor of science in interdisciplinary early*
2 *childhood education.*

3 ➔Section 2. KRS 164.787 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The General Assembly hereby establishes the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship
5 Program to ensure that all Kentuckians who have not yet earned a postsecondary
6 degree have affordable access to an industry-recognized certificate, diploma, or
7 associate of applied science degree and, for students with intellectual disabilities
8 enrolled in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs, affordable
9 access to meaningful credentials to prepare for competitive integrated employment.

10 (2) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Academic term" means a fall, spring, or summer academic term or other time
12 period specified in an administrative regulation promulgated by the authority;

13 (b) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;

14 (c) "Approved dual credit course" means a dual credit course developed in
15 accordance with KRS 164.098 that is a career and technical education course
16 within a career pathway approved by the Kentucky Department of Education
17 that leads to an industry-recognized credential;

18 (d) "Dual credit tuition rate ceiling" means the same as defined in 164.786;

19 (e) "Eligible institution" means an institution defined in KRS 164.001 that:

20 1. Actively participates in the federal Pell Grant program;

21 2. Executes a contract with the authority on terms the authority deems
22 necessary or appropriate for the administration of its programs;

23 3. Charges no more than the dual credit tuition rate ceiling per credit hour,
24 including any additional fees, for any dual credit course it offers to any
25 Kentucky public or nonpublic high school student; and

26 4. Is a:

27 a. Kentucky Community and Technical College System institution;

- 1 b. Kentucky public university; or
- 2 c. College, university, or vocational-technical school that is
- 3 accredited by a recognized regional or national accrediting body
- 4 and licensed to operate at a site in Kentucky;
- 5 (f) "Eligible program of study" means a program approved by the authority that
- 6 leads to an industry-recognized certificate, diploma, or associate of applied
- 7 science degree in one (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand workforce
- 8 sectors identified by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and the
- 9 Education and Labor Cabinet or a program of study in a comprehensive
- 10 transition and postsecondary program that leads to a credential, certificate,
- 11 diploma, or degree, *including but not limited to an associate degree in*
- 12 *Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Entrepreneurship*;
- 13 (g) "Fees" means mandatory fees charged by an eligible institution for enrollment
- 14 in a course, including but not limited to online course fees, lab fees, and
- 15 administrative fees. "Fees" does not include tools, books, or other
- 16 instructional materials that may be required for a course; and
- 17 (h) "Tuition" means the in-state tuition charged to all students as a condition of
- 18 enrollment in an eligible institution.
- 19 (3) In consultation with the Education and Labor Cabinet, the Kentucky Department of
- 20 Education, and the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Higher
- 21 Education Assistance Authority shall administer the Work Ready Kentucky
- 22 Scholarship Program and promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with
- 23 KRS Chapter 13A as may be needed for the administration of the scholarship.
- 24 (4) An eligible high school student shall:
- 25 (a) Be a Kentucky resident;
- 26 (b) Be enrolled in a Kentucky high school;
- 27 (c) Be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in an approved dual credit course at

- 1 an eligible institution; and
- 2 (d) Complete and submit a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship dual credit
3 application to the authority.
- 4 (5) An eligible workforce student shall:
- 5 (a) Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
- 6 (b) Be a Kentucky resident as determined by the eligible institution in accordance
7 with criteria established by the Council on Postsecondary Education for the
8 purposes of admission and tuition assessment;
- 9 (c) 1. Have earned a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency
10 Diploma or be enrolled in a High School Equivalency Diploma
11 program; or
- 12 2. For a student enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary
13 program, have received an alternative high school diploma described in
14 KRS 158.140(2)(b) or have attended a Kentucky public high school and
15 is a student with an intellectual disability as defined in 34 C.F.R. sec.
16 668.231;
- 17 (d) Not have earned an associate's degree or higher level postsecondary degree;
- 18 (e) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the academic year
19 in which the scholarship is awarded;
- 20 (f) Complete and submit a Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship application to the
21 authority;
- 22 (g) Enroll in an eligible program of study at an eligible institution;
- 23 (h) Not be enrolled in an ineligible degree program, such as a bachelor or
24 unapproved associate program, at any postsecondary institution;
- 25 (i) Following the first academic term scholarship funds are received, achieve and
26 maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible
27 institution; and

- 1 (j) Not be in default on any program under Title IV of the federal act or any
2 obligation to the authority under any program administered by the authority
3 under KRS 164.740 to 164.7891 or 164.7894, except that ineligibility for this
4 reason may be waived by the authority for cause.
- 5 (6) (a) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the authority shall award a
6 Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship each academic term to any person who
7 meets the requirements of this section to the extent funds are available for that
8 purpose.
- 9 (b) The scholarship amount awarded to an eligible workforce student for an
10 academic term shall be the amount remaining after subtracting the student's
11 federal and state grants and scholarships from the maximum scholarship
12 amount. The maximum scholarship amount shall be the per credit hour in-
13 state tuition rate at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System
14 multiplied by the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled and
15 the fees charged to the student. The authority shall promulgate an
16 administrative regulation in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to specify the
17 maximum amount to be awarded for fees, except that for the 2019-2020
18 academic year the amount awarded for fees shall not exceed four hundred
19 dollars (\$400).
- 20 (c) The scholarship award for an eligible high school student shall be limited to
21 two (2) approved dual credit courses per academic year. The scholarship
22 amount awarded shall be equal to the amount charged by an eligible
23 institution for an approved dual credit course, in accordance with subsection
24 (2)(e)3. of this section.
- 25 (7) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, an eligible workforce
26 student's eligibility for the scholarship shall terminate upon the earlier of:
- 27 1. Receiving the scholarship for a total of sixty (60) credit hours; or

- 1 2. Obtaining an associate's degree.
- 2 (b) For an eligible workforce student enrolled in a comprehensive transition and
- 3 postsecondary program, eligibility for the scholarship shall terminate upon the
- 4 earlier of completing the program or receiving the scholarship for up to nine
- 5 (9) academic terms within three (3) academic years.

6 (8) *The provisions of subsection (5)(d) of this section shall not apply to an eligible*

7 *workforce student who is enrolling in an eligible program of study related to early*

8 *childhood education.*

9 (9) The authority shall annually provide a report on the Work Ready Kentucky

10 Scholarship Program, prepared in collaboration with the Office for Education and

11 Workforce Statistics, to the secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet that

12 includes, by academic term, academic year, institution, and workforce sector, the

13 number of:

- 14 (a) Students served by the scholarship and the total amount disbursed;
- 15 (b) Credits, certificates, diplomas, and associate of applied science degrees earned
- 16 by students receiving the scholarship; and
- 17 (c) Students receiving the scholarship who are enrolled in a comprehensive
- 18 transition and postsecondary program and credentials earned by those
- 19 students.

20 ~~(10)~~⁽⁹⁾ The authority shall report Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship program data to

21 the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics for analysis of the program's

22 success in meeting the goal of increasing skilled workforce participation rates.

23 ~~(11)~~⁽¹⁰⁾ (a) The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship fund is hereby created as a trust

24 fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the authority for the purpose

25 of providing scholarships as described in this section.

26 (b) The trust fund shall consist of state general fund appropriations, gifts and

27 grants from public and private sources, and federal funds. All moneys

1 included in the fund shall be appropriated for the purposes set forth in this
2 section.

3 (c) Any unallotted or unencumbered balances in the trust fund shall be invested
4 as provided in KRS 42.500(9). Income earned from the investments shall be
5 credited to the trust fund.

6 (d) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any fund balance at the close of the fiscal year
7 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year and
8 continuously appropriated only for the purposes specified in this section.

9 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
10 READ AS FOLLOWS:

11 *(1) The Division of Early Childhood Education is hereby established within the*
12 *Department for Community Based Services within the Cabinet for Health and*
13 *Family Services.*

14 *(2) The Division of Regulated Early Childhood Education is hereby established*
15 *within the Office of Inspector General within the Cabinet for Health and Family*
16 *Services.*

17 *(3) As of the effective date of this Act, the cabinet shall remove any reference to the*
18 *"Division of Child Care" and replace in lieu thereof the "Division of Early*
19 *Childhood Education."*

20 *(4) As of the effective date of this Act, the cabinet shall remove any reference to the*
21 *"Division of Regulated Child Care" and replace in lieu thereof the "Division of*
22 *Regulated Early Childhood Education."*

23 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
24 READ AS FOLLOWS:

25 *(1) As used in this section:*

26 *(a) "Early childhood education services" means child-care services for*
27 *children under the age of thirteen (13) years or children with special needs*

1 under the age of eighteen (18) years, the providers of which are licensed or
2 certified to provide child-care services by the cabinet;

3 (b) "Eligible applicants" means entities seeking funds for an eligible project
4 and includes:

5 1. For-profit and nonprofit entities;

6 2. Local government employers or agencies thereof;

7 3. Public school districts not already eligible for state or federal funding
8 for projects similar to an eligible project herein;

9 4. Public and private postsecondary institutions;

10 5. Quasi-governmental entities;

11 6. Special purpose governmental entities; or

12 7. For-profit and nonprofit entities offering or seeking to offer early
13 childhood education services outside of traditional hours, including
14 services offered twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week;

15 (c) 1. "Eligible project" means the establishment of new early childhood
16 education services, or the expansion of current services, in the
17 Commonwealth, by the eligible applicant or applicants primarily for
18 the benefit of their employees, students, clients, or some combination
19 thereof.

20 2. "Eligible project" does not mean the establishment of new or
21 expanded:

22 a. Early childhood education services to be offered during
23 traditional hours by an individual or entity whose primary
24 business is the provision of early childhood education services,
25 except that nothing in this section shall prohibit an eligible
26 applicant from partnering with or contracting with an entity
27 whose primary business is the provision of early childhood

1 education services; or

2 b. Preschool education services for the general community by
3 public school districts, except that nothing in this subdivision
4 prohibits a public school district from seeking or being awarded
5 funds for a project to provide early childhood education services
6 primarily for the benefit of school district employees;

7 (d) "Eligible use" means the authorized purpose for which an eligible
8 applicant may use an awarded grant from the fund. An eligible use by the
9 applicant shall be in direct and demonstrable furtherance of the applicant's
10 eligible project and may include any of the following categories or some
11 combination thereof:

12 1. Health and safety supplies, furniture, appliances, permanent or
13 semipermanent fixtures, and physical and digital educational items;

14 2. The purchase, acquisition, or modification of real property, of which
15 at least fifty percent (50%) is to be used for providing early childhood
16 education services;

17 3. Infrastructure improvements such as parking modifications, the
18 establishment of a pick-up and drop-off location, or connecting water
19 or wastewater services; or

20 4. Consulting services related to the establishment or expansion of early
21 childhood education services by the eligible applicant; and

22 (e) "Traditional hours" means the hours between 5:00 am and 7:00 pm
23 Monday through Friday.

24 (2) There is hereby created a restricted fund to be known as the innovations in early
25 childhood education delivery fund, which shall be used to support innovative
26 approaches to expanding the availability and delivery of early childhood
27 education services. The fund shall be administered by the cabinet. The fund shall

1 contain moneys received from the general fund, federal funds, and any other
2 proceeds from contributions, gifts, or grants made available for the purposes of
3 the fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.
4 Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to offer matching grants to
5 eligible applicants for eligible projects for the purpose of increasing the
6 availability of early childhood education services in the Commonwealth.
7 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the close of
8 the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the succeeding
9 fiscal year to be used by the cabinet for the purposes set forth in this section.

10 (3) The cabinet shall:

- 11 (a) Create and make available a standardized grant application on its website
12 and provide instructions and guidance to support successful eligible
13 applicants;
14 (b) Review applications and funding requests from eligible applicants;
15 (c) Verify eligible applicants and the eligible projects;
16 (d) Verify that the eligible applicant's intended use of funds meets the
17 definition of eligible use;
18 (e) Award grant funding to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served
19 basis;
20 (f) Promote awareness of the program;
21 (g) Accept applications from individual entities or entities applying as a joint
22 eligible applicant;
23 (h) Not award more than twenty percent (20%) of the total fund in a fiscal year
24 to projects located in a single county; and
25 (i) Begin receiving and approving applications no later than January 15, 2025.

26 (4) Eligible applicants shall:

- 27 (a) Demonstrate that a grant is necessary for the success of the eligible project

- 1 and demonstrate how the grant increases the project's financial feasibility;
2 (b) Demonstrate evidence of a long-term sustainability plan for the project; and
3 (c) Not receive a total award amount greater than one hundred fifty thousand
4 dollars (\$150,000) in a fiscal year, except that eligible applicants that
5 feature a public-private partnership shall be eligible to receive an award
6 that is one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the maximum award
7 available in a fiscal year. For the purposes of this paragraph, a "public-
8 private partnership" means a public sector entity partnering with a private
9 for-profit or nonprofit entity for the purposes of providing early childhood
10 education services.
- 11 (5) Upon receiving an application, the cabinet shall approve or deny the application
12 no later than sixty (60) days after it is received.
- 13 (6) If the cabinet denies an application, it shall notify the applicant as to why the
14 request was not granted.
- 15 (7) The eligible applicant may apply for a grant only one (1) additional time in a
16 fiscal year.
- 17 (8) An eligible project is authorized to receive only one (1) grant award in a fiscal
18 year.
- 19 (9) All grants awarded by the cabinet shall require a dollar-for-dollar match by the
20 eligible applicant.
- 21 (10) If the grant award is for an eligible project in a county designated by the cabinet
22 as a child-care desert, or if the project is intended to primarily serve children with
23 special needs, then the cabinet shall only require a seventy-five percent (75%)
24 funding match. For the purposes of this subsection, "child-care desert" means a
25 county in which there are more than three (3) children under the age of thirteen
26 (13) years per one (1) available licensed or regulated child-care slot.
- 27 (11) Eligible applicants shall commence new or expanded early childhood education

1 services within one (1) year from receiving the grant and shall offer services for
2 at least thirty-six (36) months, either from the time of receiving the grant or
3 commencing services, whichever comes later. Otherwise, the eligible applicant
4 shall be required to pay back the grant in full. However, if the eligible project is
5 delayed for reasons outside the control of the eligible applicant, then the cabinet
6 may offer a three (3) month extension for services to begin.

7 (12) The cabinet shall submit a report by November 1, 2024, to the Legislative
8 Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees outlining its
9 strategy and action plan for rolling out the program.

10 (13) The cabinet shall submit a report by November 1, 2025, to the Legislative
11 Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees detailing all
12 grants awarded through October 1, 2025. The report shall at a minimum include
13 the following information:

14 (a) The name of each grant awardee organization;

15 (b) The county where each eligible project that received a grant award is
16 located;

17 (c) The approved eligible use for each grant awardee;

18 (d) The number of children served by each eligible project that received a grant
19 award; and

20 (e) The number and location of eligible projects that received a grant and serve
21 children with special needs.

22 ➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
23 READ AS FOLLOWS:

24 (1) There is hereby created a restricted fund to be known as the foundations for early
25 learning fund. The fund shall be administered by the cabinet. The fund shall
26 contain moneys received from the general fund, federal funds, and any other
27 proceeds from contributions, gifts, or grants made available for the purposes of

1 the fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.
2 Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to offer grants to applicants in
3 the Commonwealth that are a licensed child-care center or certified family child-
4 care home as defined in KRS 199.894. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys
5 remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be
6 carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used by the cabinet for the
7 purposes set forth in this section.

8 (2) The cabinet shall issue grants pursuant to this section semi-annually, with the
9 first grants being issued by December 31, 2024, based on the enrollment of the
10 licensed child-care center or certified family child-care home. The amount of the
11 grant per child will be established at each payment based on the total state
12 enrollment at the time of the grant and the availability of funding. Centers or
13 homes that receive grant funds pursuant to this section shall within three (3)
14 years of receiving the first payment achieve, at a minimum, a three (3) star rating
15 from the quality-based graduated early care and education program rating system
16 as established in KRS 199.8943. Centers or homes that do not participate in the
17 quality-based graduated early care and education program rating system as
18 established in KRS 199.8943 are not eligible for these grant funds since they are
19 not eligible to receive state or federal funding.

20 (3) Grant amounts will be based on the student enrollment at the licensed child-care
21 center or certified family child-care home that will be verified through the
22 software enrollment program offered through the cabinet. Enrollment numbers
23 cannot exceed the maximum capacity of the licensed child-care center that is
24 established through the Office of the Inspector General within the cabinet.

25 (4) Grants may be used by licensed child-care centers or certified family child-care
26 home for the following:

27 (a) Staff wages; or

1 (b) Fixed expenses including but not limited to:

2 1. Rent or mortgage payments;

3 2. Utilities;

4 3. Insurance; and

5 4. Food expenses.

6 (5) Upon receiving an application, the cabinet shall approve or deny the application
 7 no later than sixty (60) days after it is received.

8 (6) If the cabinet denies an application, it shall notify the applicant as to why the
 9 request was not granted.

10 (7) The applicant may apply for a grant only one (1) additional time in a fiscal year.

11 (8) An applicant is authorized to receive only one (1) grant award in a fiscal year.

12 (9) The cabinet shall submit a report by November 1, 2025, to the Legislative
 13 Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees detailing all
 14 grants awarded through October 1, 2025. The report shall at a minimum include
 15 the following information:

16 (a) The name of each grant awardee organization;

17 (b) The county where each eligible project that received a grant award is
 18 located;

19 (c) The approved eligible use for each grant awardee;

20 (d) The number of children served by each eligible project that received a grant
 21 award; and

22 (e) The number and location of eligible projects that received a grant and serve
 23 children with special needs.

24 ➔SECTION 6. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
 25 READ AS FOLLOWS:

26 (1) There is hereby created a restricted fund to be known as the family early
 27 childhood education provider start-up fund. The fund shall be administered by

1 the cabinet. The fund shall contain moneys received from the general fund,
2 federal funds, and any other proceeds from contributions, gifts, or grants made
3 available for the purposes of the fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the fund
4 shall accrue to the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to offer
5 grants to applicants in the Commonwealth that are a family child-care home as
6 defined in Section 8 of this Act. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys
7 remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be
8 carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used by the cabinet for the
9 purposes set forth in this section.

10 (2) The cabinet shall issue grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to new
11 family child-care homes for early childhood education services.

12 (3) An applicant shall:

13 (a) Be a Kentucky resident;

14 (b) Demonstrate that he or she has met with the Family Child Care Network of
15 Kentucky regional liaison;

16 (c) Submit to a background check administered by the cabinet;

17 (d) Submit a draft budget and business plan;

18 (e) Submit proof that they have met all local zoning requirements and, if
19 applicable, have received permission from a landlord or homeowners
20 association;

21 (f) Agree to become a certified family child-care home within five (5) months of
22 receiving the grant and be open for early childhood education services for
23 at least thirty-six (36) months, otherwise the grant shall be repaid to the
24 cabinet; and

25 (g) Agree to accept child-care assistance payments.

26 (4) Grants may be used by a family child-care home for early childhood education
27 services for the following expenses:

- 1 (a) Zoning fees;
2 (b) Safety items; and
3 (c) Features for the home and yard that are necessary for providing child-care
4 services in the Commonwealth, including any necessary renovations or
5 structural modifications.

6 (5) Upon receiving an application, the cabinet shall approve or deny the application
7 no later than sixty (60) days after it is received.

8 (6) If the cabinet denies an application, it shall notify the applicant as to why the
9 request was not granted.

10 (7) The applicant may apply for a grant only one (1) additional time in a fiscal year.

11 (8) An applicant is authorized to receive only one (1) grant award in a fiscal year.

12 ➔SECTION 7. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
13 READ AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) There is hereby created a restricted fund to be known as the early childhood
15 education provider start-up fund. The fund shall be administered by the cabinet.
16 The fund shall contain moneys received from the general fund, federal funds,
17 and any other proceeds from contributions, gifts, or grants made available for the
18 purposes of the fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the fund shall accrue to
19 the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the cabinet to offer matching
20 grants to applicants in the Commonwealth that are a new provider of early
21 childhood education services. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys
22 remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be
23 carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used by the cabinet for the
24 purposes set forth in this section.

25 (2) The cabinet shall issue grants of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars
26 (\$150,000) to a new provider of early childhood education services or an existing
27 provider that is building a new facility or renovating an existing facility to expand

1 program capacity of early childhood education services.

2 (3) An applicant shall:

3 (a) Be a Kentucky resident;

4 (b) Submit to a background check administered by the cabinet;

5 (c) Submit a draft budget and business plan;

6 (d) Agree to become a licensed child-care center as defined in Section 8 of this

7 Act that provides early childhood education services as defined in Section 4

8 of this Act, commence new or expanded early childhood education services

9 within one (1) year from receiving the grant, shall offer services for at least

10 thirty-six (36) months, either from the time of receiving the grant or

11 commencing services, whichever comes later. Otherwise, the eligible

12 applicant shall be required to pay back the grant in full. However, if the

13 eligible project is delayed for reasons outside the control of the eligible

14 applicant, then the cabinet may offer a three (3) month extension for

15 services to begin; and

16 (e) Agree to accept child-care assistance payments.

17 (4) Grants may be used by a new provider of early childhood education services as

18 defined in Section 4 of this Act for the following expenses:

19 (a) Purchase or renovation of physical buildings;

20 (b) Zoning fees;

21 (c) Safety items; and

22 (d) Features for a building or property that are necessary for providing early

23 childhood education services in the Commonwealth, including any

24 necessary renovations or structural modifications.

25 (5) Upon receiving an application, the cabinet shall approve or deny the application

26 no later than sixty (60) days after it is received.

27 (6) If the cabinet denies an application, it shall notify the applicant as to why the

1 request was not granted.

2 (7) The applicant may apply for a grant only one (1) additional time in a fiscal year.

3 (8) An applicant is authorized to receive only one (1) grant award in a fiscal year.

4 (9) All grants awarded by the cabinet shall require a dollar-for-dollar match by the
5 applicant.

6 (10) If the grant award is for an applicant in a county designated by the cabinet as a
7 child-care desert or if the applicant intends to primarily serve children with
8 special needs, then the cabinet shall only require a seventy five percent (75%)
9 funding match. For the purposes of this subsection, "child-care desert" means a
10 county in which there are more than three (3) children under the age of thirteen
11 (13) years per one (1) available licensed or regulated child-care slot.

12 ➔Section 8. KRS 199.894 is amended to read as follows:

13 As used in KRS 199.892 to 199.896, unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

15 (2) "Child Care and Development Fund" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. sec.
16 98.2;

17 (3) "Child Care Assistance Program" means Kentucky's child-care subsidy program
18 providing families with the financial resources to find and afford quality child
19 care~~["Secretary" means secretary for health and family services];~~

20 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ "Child-care center" means any child-care center that provides full- or part-
21 time care, day or night, to four (4) or more children in a nonresidential setting who
22 are not the children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or children in legal custody of
23 the operator. "Child-care center" shall not include any child-care facility operated
24 by a religious organization while religious services are being conducted, or a youth
25 development agency. For the purposes of this section, "youth development agency"
26 means a program with tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. sec. 501(c)(3), which
27 operates continuously throughout the year as an outside-school-hours center for

1 youth who are six (6) years of age or older, and for which there are no fee or
2 scheduled-care arrangements with the parent or guardian of the youth served;

3 ~~(5)(4)~~ "Department" means the Department for Community Based Services; ~~and~~

4 ~~(6)(5)~~ "Family child-care home" means a private home that is the primary residence
5 of an individual who provides full or part-time care day or night for six (6) or fewer
6 children who are not the children, siblings, stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces,
7 nephews, or children in legal custody of the provider; and

8 (7) "Secretary" means the secretary of the cabinet.

9 ➔SECTION 9. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
10 READ AS FOLLOWS:

11 (1) Except as otherwise provided by federal law or regulation, applicants for the
12 Child Care Assistance Program operated by the cabinet utilizing federal funds
13 under the Child Care and Development Fund, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. pt.
14 98, shall be eligible if the family's income is less than or equal to eighty-five
15 percent (85%) of the state median income, adjusted for household size, as
16 prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census at initial application,
17 recertification, or recalculation, except that if federal law allows for a higher
18 family income and funding is available then the cabinet shall have the flexibility
19 to use higher percent of state median income for the purposes of determining
20 eligibility at initial application, recertification, and recalculation. If an applicant
21 is no longer eligible after the recertification and recalculation the assistance shall
22 continue at least at the same level for a period of not fewer than three (3) months
23 after loss of eligibility.

24 (2) To the extent funds are available, a household shall have all earned and
25 unearned income excluded from the eligibility determination if an applicant or
26 responsible adult meets the requirements of 922 KAR 2:160(4)(1) and has verified
27 employment in one of the following:

- 1 (a) A licensed child-care center as defined in Section 8 of this Act; or
2 (b) A certified family child-care home as defined in Section 8 of this Act.
3 (3) To the extent funds are available, the cabinet shall reimburse child-care providers
4 at the eightieth percentile of the market-rate survey and shall base reimbursement
5 on the number of children enrolled in the program, the age of the children
6 enrolled, and the enrollment status of the children between full-time and part-
7 time enrollment.
8 (4) To the extent funds are available, the cabinet shall cover the cost of the fees for
9 child-care providers for all mandatory background checks.
10 (5) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
11 Chapter 13A to implement this section.

12 ➔Section 10. KRS 199.8983 is amended to read as follows:

- 13 (1) There is hereby created the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council to be composed
14 of eighteen (18) members. The members appointed by the Governor shall serve a
15 term of three (3) years. The appointed members of the council shall be
16 geographically and culturally representative of the population of the
17 Commonwealth. For administrative purposes, the council shall be attached to the
18 department. The members shall be as follows:
- 19 (a) The commissioner of the department, or designee;
20 (b) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor representing child-care center
21 providers licensed pursuant to this chapter;
22 (c) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor representing family child-care
23 home providers licensed pursuant to this chapter;
24 (d) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor who are parents, de facto
25 custodians, guardians, or legal custodians of children receiving services from
26 child-care centers or family child-care homes licensed pursuant to this
27 chapter;

- 1 (e) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor from the private sector who are
2 knowledgeable about education, health, and development of children;
- 3 (f) The director of the Division of Early Childhood Education~~[Child-Care]~~
4 within the department, or designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member;
- 5 (g) The commissioner of education, Education and Labor Cabinet, or designee, as
6 a nonvoting ex officio member;
- 7 (h) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, or
8 designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member;
- 9 (i) The commissioner of the Department for Public Health within the cabinet, or
10 designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member; and
- 11 (j) The state fire marshal, Public Protection Cabinet, or designee, as a nonvoting
12 ex officio member;
- 13 (2) The council shall have two (2) co-chairpersons. One (1) co-chairperson shall be the
14 commissioner of the department, or designee, and one (1) co-chairperson shall be
15 elected by the voting members of the council.
- 16 (3) Members shall serve until a successor has been appointed. If a vacancy on the
17 council occurs, the Governor shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the
18 unexpired term.
- 19 (4) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable
20 and necessary expenses in accordance with state travel expenses and reimbursement
21 administrative regulations.
- 22 (5) The council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon call of the co-
23 chairpersons.
- 24 (6) The council shall advise the cabinet on matters affecting the operations, funding,
25 and licensing of child-care centers and family child-care homes. The council shall
26 provide input and recommendations for ways to improve quality, access, and
27 outcomes.

1 (7) The council shall make an annual report by December 1 that provides summaries
2 and recommendations to address the availability, affordability, accessibility, and
3 quality of child care in the Commonwealth. A copy of the annual report shall be
4 provided to the secretary, the Governor, and the Legislative Research Commission.

5 ➔Section 11. KRS 12.020 (Effective between July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025) is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Departments, program cabinets and their departments, and the respective major
8 administrative bodies that they include are enumerated in this section. It is not intended
9 that this enumeration of administrative bodies be all-inclusive. Every authority, board,
10 bureau, interstate compact, commission, committee, conference, council, office, or any
11 other form of organization shall be included in or attached to the department or program
12 cabinet in which they are included or to which they are attached by statute or statutorily
13 authorized executive order; except in the case of the Personnel Board and where the
14 attached department or administrative body is headed by a constitutionally elected
15 officer, the attachment shall be solely for the purpose of dissemination of information and
16 coordination of activities and shall not include any authority over the functions,
17 personnel, funds, equipment, facilities, or records of the department or administrative
18 body.

19 I. Cabinet for General Government - Departments headed by elected officers:

- 20 (1) The Governor.
21 (2) Lieutenant Governor.
22 (3) Department of State.
23 (a) Secretary of State.
24 (b) Board of Elections.
25 (c) Registry of Election Finance.
26 (4) Department of Law.
27 (a) Attorney General.

- 1 (5) Department of the Treasury.
- 2 (a) Treasurer.
- 3 (6) Department of Agriculture.
- 4 (a) Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 5 (b) Agricultural Development Board.
- 6 (c) Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.
- 7 (7) Auditor of Public Accounts.
- 8 (a) Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman.

9 II. Program cabinets headed by appointed officers:

- 10 (1) Justice and Public Safety Cabinet:
- 11 (a) Department of Kentucky State Police.
- 12 1. Office of Administrative Services.
- 13 a. Division of Operational Support.
- 14 b. Division of Management Services.
- 15 2. Office of Operations.
- 16 a. Division of West Troops.
- 17 b. Division of East Troops.
- 18 c. Division of Special Enforcement.
- 19 d. Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.
- 20 3. Office of Technical Services.
- 21 a. Division of Forensic Sciences.
- 22 b. Division of Electronic Services.
- 23 c. Division of Records Management.
- 24 (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training.
- 25 (c) Department of Corrections.
- 26 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice.
- 27 (e) Office of the Secretary.

- 1 (f) Office of Drug Control Policy.
- 2 (g) Office of Legal Services.
- 3 (h) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner.
- 4 (i) Parole Board.
- 5 (j) Kentucky State Corrections Commission.
- 6 (k) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services.
- 7 (l) Office of Human Resource Management.
- 8 1. Division of Human Resource Administration.
- 9 2. Division of Employee Management.
- 10 (m) Department of Public Advocacy.
- 11 (n) Office of Communications.
- 12 1. Information Technology Services Division.
- 13 (o) Office of Financial Management Services.
- 14 1. Division of Financial Management.
- 15 (p) Grants Management Division.
- 16 (2) Energy and Environment Cabinet:
- 17 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 18 1. Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 19 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 20 a. Legal Division I.
- 21 b. Legal Division II.
- 22 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 23 4. Office of Communication.
- 24 5. Mine Safety Review Commission.
- 25 6. Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves.
- 26 7. Kentucky Public Service Commission.
- 27 (b) Department for Environmental Protection.

- 1 1. Office of the Commissioner.
- 2 2. Division for Air Quality.
- 3 3. Division of Water.
- 4 4. Division of Environmental Program Support.
- 5 5. Division of Waste Management.
- 6 6. Division of Enforcement.
- 7 7. Division of Compliance Assistance.
- 8 (c) Department for Natural Resources.
- 9 1. Office of the Commissioner.
- 10 2. Division of Mine Permits.
- 11 3. Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement.
- 12 4. Division of Abandoned Mine Lands.
- 13 5. Division of Oil and Gas.
- 14 6. Division of Mine Safety.
- 15 7. Division of Forestry.
- 16 8. Division of Conservation.
- 17 9. Office of the Reclamation Guaranty Fund.
- 18 (d) Office of Energy Policy.
- 19 1. Division of Energy Assistance.
- 20 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 21 1. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 22 2. Division of Financial Management.
- 23 3. Division of Information Services.
- 24 (3) Public Protection Cabinet.
- 25 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 26 1. Office of Communications and Public Outreach.
- 27 2. Office of Legal Services.

- 1 a. Insurance Legal Division.
- 2 b. Charitable Gaming Legal Division.
- 3 c. Alcoholic Beverage Control Legal Division.
- 4 d. Housing, Buildings and Construction Legal Division.
- 5 e. Financial Institutions Legal Division.
- 6 f. Professional Licensing Legal Division.
- 7 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 8 4. Office of Administrative Services.
 - 9 a. Division of Human Resources.
 - 10 b. Division of Fiscal Responsibility.
- 11 (b) Office of Claims and Appeals.
 - 12 1. Board of Tax Appeals.
 - 13 2. Board of Claims.
 - 14 3. Crime Victims Compensation Board.
- 15 (c) Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission.
- 16 (d) Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
 - 17 1. Office of Executive Director.
 - 18 a. Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and Compliance.
 - 19 b. Division of Stewards.
 - 20 c. Division of Licensing.
 - 21 d. Division of Enforcement.
 - 22 e. Division of Incentives and Development.
 - 23 f. Division of Veterinary Services.
- 24 (e) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
 - 25 1. Division of Distilled Spirits.
 - 26 2. Division of Malt Beverages.
 - 27 3. Division of Enforcement.

- 1 (f) Department of Charitable Gaming.
- 2 1. Division of Licensing and Compliance.
- 3 2. Division of Enforcement.
- 4 (g) Department of Financial Institutions.
- 5 1. Division of Depository Institutions.
- 6 2. Division of Non-Depository Institutions.
- 7 3. Division of Securities.
- 8 (h) Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.
- 9 1. Division of Fire Prevention.
- 10 2. Division of Plumbing.
- 11 3. Division of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.
- 12 4. Division of Building Code Enforcement.
- 13 (i) Department of Insurance.
- 14 1. Division of Health and Life Insurance and Managed Care.
- 15 2. Division of Property and Casualty Insurance.
- 16 3. Division of Administrative Services.
- 17 4. Division of Financial Standards and Examination.
- 18 5. Division of Licensing.
- 19 6. Division of Insurance Fraud Investigation.
- 20 7. Division of Consumer Protection.
- 21 (j) Department of Professional Licensing.
- 22 1. Real Estate Authority.
- 23 (4) Transportation Cabinet:
- 24 (a) Department of Highways.
- 25 1. Office of Project Development.
- 26 2. Office of Project Delivery and Preservation.
- 27 3. Office of Highway Safety.

- 1 4. Highway District Offices One through Twelve.
- 2 (b) Department of Vehicle Regulation.
- 3 (c) Department of Aviation.
- 4 (d) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.
 - 5 1. Office of Local Programs.
 - 6 2. Office of Rural and Secondary Roads.
- 7 (e) Office of the Secretary.
 - 8 1. Office of Public Affairs.
 - 9 2. Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development.
 - 10 3. Office of Budget and Fiscal Management.
 - 11 4. Office of Inspector General.
 - 12 5. Secretary's Office of Safety.
- 13 (f) Office of Support Services.
- 14 (g) Office of Transportation Delivery.
- 15 (h) Office of Audits.
- 16 (i) Office of Human Resource Management.
- 17 (j) Office of Information Technology.
- 18 (k) Office of Legal Services.
- 19 (5) Cabinet for Economic Development:
 - 20 (a) Office of the Secretary.
 - 21 1. Office of Legal Services.
 - 22 2. Department for Business and Community Development.
 - 23 a. Development and Retention Division – West Kentucky.
 - 24 b. Development, Retention, and Administrative Division –
 - 25 Central and East Kentucky.
 - 26 c. Community and Workforce Development Division.
 - 27 3. Department for Financial Services.

- 1 a. Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.
- 2 b. Finance and Personnel Division.
- 3 c. IT and Resource Management Division.
- 4 d. Compliance Division.
- 5 e. Program Administration Division.
- 6 f. Bluegrass State Skills Corporation.
- 7 4. Office of Strategy and Public Affairs.
- 8 a. Marketing and Communications Division.
- 9 b. Research and Strategy Division.
- 10 5. Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- 11 a. Commission on Small Business Innovation and Advocacy.
- 12 (6) Cabinet for Health and Family Services:
- 13 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 14 1. Office of Public Affairs.
- 15 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 16 3. Office of Inspector General.
- 17 **a. Division of Regulated Early Childhood Education.**
- 18 4. Office of Human Resource Management.
- 19 5. Office of Finance and Budget.
- 20 6. Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.
- 21 7. Office of Administrative Services.
- 22 8. Office of Application Technology Services.
- 23 9. Office of Data Analytics.
- 24 (b) Department for Public Health.
- 25 (c) Department for Medicaid Services.
- 26 (d) Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual
- 27 Disabilities.

- 1 (e) Department for Aging and Independent Living.
- 2 (f) Department for Community Based Services.
- 3 **1. Division of Early Childhood Education.**
- 4 (g) Department for Income Support.
- 5 (h) Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services.
- 6 (7) Finance and Administration Cabinet:
- 7 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 8 (b) Office of the Inspector General.
- 9 (c) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 10 (d) Office of General Counsel.
- 11 (e) Office of the Controller.
- 12 (f) Office of Administrative Services.
- 13 (g) Office of Policy and Audit.
- 14 (h) Department for Facilities and Support Services.
- 15 (i) Department of Revenue.
- 16 (j) Commonwealth Office of Technology.
- 17 (k) State Property and Buildings Commission.
- 18 (l) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance.
- 19 (m) Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems.
- 20 (n) Commonwealth Credit Union.
- 21 (o) State Investment Commission.
- 22 (p) Kentucky Housing Corporation.
- 23 (q) Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority.
- 24 (r) Kentucky Turnpike Authority.
- 25 (s) Historic Properties Advisory Commission.
- 26 (t) Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.
- 27 (u) Kentucky River Authority.

- 1 (v) Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
- 2 (w) Executive Branch Ethics Commission.
- 3 (x) Office of Fleet Management.
- 4 (8) Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet:
- 5 (a) Kentucky Department of Tourism.
- 6 1. Division of Tourism Services.
- 7 2. Division of Marketing and Administration.
- 8 3. Division of Communications and Promotions.
- 9 (b) Kentucky Department of Parks.
- 10 1. Division of Information Technology.
- 11 2. Division of Human Resources.
- 12 3. Division of Financial Operations.
- 13 4. Division of Purchasing.
- 14 5. Division of Facilities.
- 15 6. Division of Park Operations.
- 16 7. Division of Sales, Marketing, and Customer Service.
- 17 8. Division of Engagement.
- 18 9. Division of Food Services.
- 19 10. Division of Rangers.
- 20 (c) Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
- 21 1. Division of Law Enforcement.
- 22 2. Division of Administrative Services.
- 23 3. Division of Engineering, Infrastructure, and Technology.
- 24 4. Division of Fisheries.
- 25 5. Division of Information and Education.
- 26 6. Division of Wildlife.
- 27 7. Division of Marketing.

- 1 (d) Kentucky Horse Park.
- 2 1. Division of Support Services.
- 3 2. Division of Buildings and Grounds.
- 4 3. Division of Operational Services.
- 5 (e) Kentucky State Fair Board.
- 6 1. Office of Administrative and Information Technology Services.
- 7 2. Office of Human Resources and Access Control.
- 8 3. Division of Expositions.
- 9 4. Division of Kentucky Exposition Center Operations.
- 10 5. Division of Kentucky International Convention Center.
- 11 6. Division of Public Relations and Media.
- 12 7. Division of Venue Services.
- 13 8. Division of Personnel Management and Staff Development.
- 14 9. Division of Sales.
- 15 10. Division of Security and Traffic Control.
- 16 11. Division of Information Technology.
- 17 12. Division of the Louisville Arena.
- 18 13. Division of Fiscal and Contract Management.
- 19 14. Division of Access Control.
- 20 (f) Office of the Secretary.
- 21 1. Office of Finance.
- 22 2. Office of Government Relations and Administration.
- 23 (g) Office of Legal Affairs.
- 24 (h) Office of Human Resources.
- 25 (i) Office of Public Affairs and Constituent Services.
- 26 (j) Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage.
- 27 (k) Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.

- 1 (l) Kentucky Foundation for the Arts.
- 2 (m) Kentucky Humanities Council.
- 3 (n) Kentucky Heritage Council.
- 4 (o) Kentucky Arts Council.
- 5 (p) Kentucky Historical Society.
- 6 1. Division of Museums.
- 7 2. Division of Oral History and Educational Outreach.
- 8 3. Division of Research and Publications.
- 9 4. Division of Administration.
- 10 (q) Kentucky Center for the Arts.
- 11 1. Division of Governor's School for the Arts.
- 12 (r) Kentucky Artisans Center at Berea.
- 13 (s) Northern Kentucky Convention Center.
- 14 (t) Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.
- 15 (9) Personnel Cabinet:
- 16 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 17 (b) Department of Human Resources Administration.
- 18 (c) Office of Employee Relations.
- 19 (d) Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority.
- 20 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 21 (f) Office of Legal Services.
- 22 (g) Governmental Services Center.
- 23 (h) Department of Employee Insurance.
- 24 (i) Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training.
- 25 (j) Office of Public Affairs.
- 26 (10) Education and Labor Cabinet:
- 27 (a) Office of the Secretary.

- 1 1. Office of Legal Services.
- 2 a. Workplace Standards Legal Division.
- 3 b. Workers' Claims Legal Division.
- 4 c. Workforce Development Legal Division.
- 5 2. Office of Administrative Services.
- 6 a. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 7 b. Division of Fiscal Management.
- 8 c. Division of Operations and Support Services.
- 9 3. Office of Technology Services.
- 10 a. Division of Information Technology Services.
- 11 4. Office of Policy and Audit.
- 12 5. Office of Legislative Services.
- 13 6. Office of Communications.
- 14 7. Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 15 8. Board of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 16 9. Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- 17 10. Governors' Scholars Program.
- 18 11. Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Program.
- 19 12. Foundation for Adult Education.
- 20 (b) Department of Education.
- 21 1. Kentucky Board of Education.
- 22 2. Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board.
- 23 3. Education Professional Standards Board.
- 24 (c) Board of Directors for the Center for School Safety.
- 25 (d) Department for Libraries and Archives.
- 26 (e) Kentucky Environmental Education Council.
- 27 (f) Kentucky Educational Television.

- 1 (g) Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- 2 (h) Department of Workforce Development.
- 3 1. Career Development Office.
- 4 2. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 5 a. Division of Kentucky Business Enterprise.
- 6 b. Division of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center.
- 7 c. Division of Blind Services.
- 8 d. Division of Field Services.
- 9 e. Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 10 f. Employment First Council.
- 11 3. Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services.
- 12 a. Division of Apprenticeship.
- 13 4. Kentucky Apprenticeship Council.
- 14 5. Division of Technical Assistance.
- 15 6. Office of Adult Education.
- 16 7. Office of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
- 17 (i) Department of Workplace Standards.
- 18 1. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance.
- 19 2. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Education and
- 20 Training.
- 21 3. Division of Wages and Hours.
- 22 (j) Office of Unemployment Insurance.
- 23 (k) Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Commission.
- 24 (l) Department of Workers' Claims.
- 25 1. Division of Workers' Compensation Funds.
- 26 2. Office of Administrative Law Judges.
- 27 3. Division of Claims Processing.

- 1 4. Division of Security and Compliance.
- 2 5. Division of Specialist and Medical Services.
- 3 6. Workers' Compensation Board.
- 4 (m) Workers' Compensation Funding Commission.
- 5 (n) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.
- 6 (o) State Labor Relations Board.
- 7 (p) Employers' Mutual Insurance Authority.
- 8 (q) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.
- 9 (r) Workers' Compensation Nominating Committee.
- 10 (s) Office of Educational Programs.
- 11 (t) Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
- 12 (u) Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.
- 13 (v) Kentucky Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee.
- 14 (w) Kentucky Geographic Education Board.
- 15 (x) Disability Determination Services Program.

16 III. Other departments headed by appointed officers:

- 17 (1) Council on Postsecondary Education.
- 18 (2) Department of Military Affairs.
- 19 (3) Department for Local Government.
- 20 (4) Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.
- 21 (5) Kentucky Commission on Women.
- 22 (6) Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 23 (7) Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- 24 (8) Office of Minority Empowerment.
- 25 (9) Governor's Council on Wellness and Physical Activity.
- 26 (10) Kentucky Communications Network Authority.

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- 19 (c) Registry of Election Finance.
- 20 (4) Department of Law.
- 21 (a) Attorney General.
- 22 (5) Department of the Treasury.
- 23 (a) Treasurer.
- 24 (6) Department of Agriculture.
- 25 (a) Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 26 (b) Agricultural Development Board.
- 27 (c) Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

- 1 (7) Auditor of Public Accounts.
- 2 (a) Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman.
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- 4 (1) Justice and Public Safety Cabinet:
- 5 (a) Department of Kentucky State Police.
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- 7 a. Division of Operational Support.
- 8 b. Division of Management Services.
- 9 2. Office of Operations.
- 10 a. Division of West Troops.
- 11 b. Division of East Troops.
- 12 c. Division of Special Enforcement.
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- 14 3. Office of Technical Services.
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- 16 b. Division of Electronic Services.
- 17 c. Division of Records Management.
- 18 (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training.
- 19 (c) Department of Corrections.
- 20 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice.
- 21 (e) Office of the Secretary.
- 22 (f) Office of Drug Control Policy.
- 23 (g) Office of Legal Services.
- 24 (h) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner.
- 25 (i) Parole Board.
- 26 (j) Kentucky State Corrections Commission.
- 27 (k) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services.

- 1 (l) Office of Human Resource Management.
- 2 1. Division of Human Resource Administration.
- 3 2. Division of Employee Management.
- 4 (m) Department of Public Advocacy.
- 5 (n) Office of Communications.
- 6 1. Information Technology Services Division.
- 7 (o) Office of Financial Management Services.
- 8 1. Division of Financial Management.
- 9 (p) Grants Management Division.
- 10 (2) Energy and Environment Cabinet:
- 11 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 12 1. Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 13 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 14 a. Legal Division I.
- 15 b. Legal Division II.
- 16 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 17 4. Office of Communication.
- 18 5. Mine Safety Review Commission.
- 19 6. Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves.
- 20 7. Kentucky Public Service Commission.
- 21 (b) Department for Environmental Protection.
- 22 1. Office of the Commissioner.
- 23 2. Division for Air Quality.
- 24 3. Division of Water.
- 25 4. Division of Environmental Program Support.
- 26 5. Division of Waste Management.
- 27 6. Division of Enforcement.

- 1 7. Division of Compliance Assistance.
- 2 (c) Department for Natural Resources.
- 3 1. Office of the Commissioner.
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- 6 4. Division of Abandoned Mine Lands.
- 7 5. Division of Oil and Gas.
- 8 6. Division of Mine Safety.
- 9 7. Division of Forestry.
- 10 8. Division of Conservation.
- 11 9. Office of the Reclamation Guaranty Fund.
- 12 (d) Office of Energy Policy.
- 13 1. Division of Energy Assistance.
- 14 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 15 1. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 16 2. Division of Financial Management.
- 17 3. Division of Information Services.
- 18 (3) Public Protection Cabinet.
- 19 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 20 1. Office of Communications and Public Outreach.
- 21 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 22 a. Insurance Legal Division.
- 23 b. Charitable Gaming Legal Division.
- 24 c. Alcoholic Beverage Control Legal Division.
- 25 d. Housing, Buildings and Construction Legal Division.
- 26 e. Financial Institutions Legal Division.
- 27 f. Professional Licensing Legal Division.

- 1 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2 4. Office of Administrative Services.
- 3 a. Division of Human Resources.
- 4 b. Division of Fiscal Responsibility.
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- 6 1. Board of Tax Appeals.
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- 24 2. Division of Enforcement.
- 25 (g) Department of Financial Institutions.
- 26 1. Division of Depository Institutions.
- 27 2. Division of Non-Depository Institutions.

- 1 3. Division of Securities.
- 2 (h) Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.
- 3 1. Division of Fire Prevention.
- 4 2. Division of Plumbing.
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- 9 2. Division of Property and Casualty Insurance.
- 10 3. Division of Administrative Services.
- 11 4. Division of Financial Standards and Examination.
- 12 5. Division of Licensing.
- 13 6. Division of Insurance Fraud Investigation.
- 14 7. Division of Consumer Protection.
- 15 (j) Department of Professional Licensing.
- 16 1. Real Estate Authority.
- 17 (4) Transportation Cabinet:
- 18 (a) Department of Highways.
- 19 1. Office of Project Development.
- 20 2. Office of Project Delivery and Preservation.
- 21 3. Office of Highway Safety.
- 22 4. Highway District Offices One through Twelve.
- 23 (b) Department of Vehicle Regulation.
- 24 (c) Department of Aviation.
- 25 (d) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.
- 26 1. Office of Local Programs.
- 27 2. Office of Rural and Secondary Roads.

- 1 (e) Office of the Secretary.
- 2 1. Office of Public Affairs.
- 3 2. Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development.
- 4 3. Office of Budget and Fiscal Management.
- 5 4. Office of Inspector General.
- 6 5. Secretary's Office of Safety.
- 7 (f) Office of Support Services.
- 8 (g) Office of Transportation Delivery.
- 9 (h) Office of Audits.
- 10 (i) Office of Human Resource Management.
- 11 (j) Office of Information Technology.
- 12 (k) Office of Legal Services.
- 13 (5) Cabinet for Economic Development:
- 14 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 15 1. Office of Legal Services.
- 16 2. Department for Business and Community Development.
- 17 a. Development and Retention Division – West Kentucky.
- 18 b. Development, Retention, and Administrative Division –
- 19 Central and East Kentucky.
- 20 c. Community and Workforce Development Division.
- 21 3. Department for Financial Services.
- 22 a. Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.
- 23 b. Finance and Personnel Division.
- 24 c. IT and Resource Management Division.
- 25 d. Compliance Division.
- 26 e. Program Administration Division.
- 27 f. Bluegrass State Skills Corporation.

- 1 4. Office of Strategy and Public Affairs.
- 2 a. Marketing and Communications Division.
- 3 b. Research and Strategy Division.
- 4 5. Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- 5 a. Commission on Small Business Innovation and Advocacy.
- 6 (6) Cabinet for Health and Family Services:
- 7 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 8 1. Office of Public Affairs.
- 9 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 10 3. Office of Inspector General.
- 11 **a. Division of Regulated Early Childhood Education.**
- 12 4. Office of Human Resource Management.
- 13 5. Office of Finance and Budget.
- 14 6. Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.
- 15 7. Office of Administrative Services.
- 16 8. Office of Application Technology Services.
- 17 9. Office of Data Analytics.
- 18 (b) Department for Public Health.
- 19 (c) Department for Medicaid Services.
- 20 (d) Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual
- 21 Disabilities.
- 22 (e) Department for Aging and Independent Living.
- 23 (f) Department for Community Based Services.
- 24 **1. Division of Early Childhood Education.**
- 25 (g) Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services.
- 26 (7) Finance and Administration Cabinet:
- 27 (a) Office of the Secretary.

- 1 (b) Office of the Inspector General.
- 2 (c) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 3 (d) Office of General Counsel.
- 4 (e) Office of the Controller.
- 5 (f) Office of Administrative Services.
- 6 (g) Office of Policy and Audit.
- 7 (h) Department for Facilities and Support Services.
- 8 (i) Department of Revenue.
- 9 (j) Commonwealth Office of Technology.
- 10 (k) State Property and Buildings Commission.
- 11 (l) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance.
- 12 (m) Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems.
- 13 (n) Commonwealth Credit Union.
- 14 (o) State Investment Commission.
- 15 (p) Kentucky Housing Corporation.
- 16 (q) Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority.
- 17 (r) Kentucky Turnpike Authority.
- 18 (s) Historic Properties Advisory Commission.
- 19 (t) Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.
- 20 (u) Kentucky River Authority.
- 21 (v) Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
- 22 (w) Executive Branch Ethics Commission.
- 23 (x) Office of Fleet Management.
- 24 (8) Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet:
 - 25 (a) Kentucky Department of Tourism.
 - 26 1. Division of Tourism Services.
 - 27 2. Division of Marketing and Administration.

- 1 3. Division of Communications and Promotions.
- 2 (b) Kentucky Department of Parks.
- 3 1. Division of Information Technology.
- 4 2. Division of Human Resources.
- 5 3. Division of Financial Operations.
- 6 4. Division of Purchasing.
- 7 5. Division of Facilities.
- 8 6. Division of Park Operations.
- 9 7. Division of Sales, Marketing, and Customer Service.
- 10 8. Division of Engagement.
- 11 9. Division of Food Services.
- 12 10. Division of Rangers.
- 13 (c) Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
- 14 1. Division of Law Enforcement.
- 15 2. Division of Administrative Services.
- 16 3. Division of Engineering, Infrastructure, and Technology.
- 17 4. Division of Fisheries.
- 18 5. Division of Information and Education.
- 19 6. Division of Wildlife.
- 20 7. Division of Marketing.
- 21 (d) Kentucky Horse Park.
- 22 1. Division of Support Services.
- 23 2. Division of Buildings and Grounds.
- 24 3. Division of Operational Services.
- 25 (e) Kentucky State Fair Board.
- 26 1. Office of Administrative and Information Technology Services.
- 27 2. Office of Human Resources and Access Control.

- 1 3. Division of Expositions.
- 2 4. Division of Kentucky Exposition Center Operations.
- 3 5. Division of Kentucky International Convention Center.
- 4 6. Division of Public Relations and Media.
- 5 7. Division of Venue Services.
- 6 8. Division of Personnel Management and Staff Development.
- 7 9. Division of Sales.
- 8 10. Division of Security and Traffic Control.
- 9 11. Division of Information Technology.
- 10 12. Division of the Louisville Arena.
- 11 13. Division of Fiscal and Contract Management.
- 12 14. Division of Access Control.
- 13 (f) Office of the Secretary.
 - 14 1. Office of Finance.
 - 15 2. Office of Government Relations and Administration.
- 16 (g) Office of Legal Affairs.
- 17 (h) Office of Human Resources.
- 18 (i) Office of Public Affairs and Constituent Services.
- 19 (j) Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage.
- 20 (k) Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.
- 21 (l) Kentucky Foundation for the Arts.
- 22 (m) Kentucky Humanities Council.
- 23 (n) Kentucky Heritage Council.
- 24 (o) Kentucky Arts Council.
- 25 (p) Kentucky Historical Society.
 - 26 1. Division of Museums.
 - 27 2. Division of Oral History and Educational Outreach.

- 1 3. Division of Research and Publications.
- 2 4. Division of Administration.
- 3 (q) Kentucky Center for the Arts.
- 4 1. Division of Governor's School for the Arts.
- 5 (r) Kentucky Artisans Center at Berea.
- 6 (s) Northern Kentucky Convention Center.
- 7 (t) Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.
- 8 (9) Personnel Cabinet:
- 9 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 10 (b) Department of Human Resources Administration.
- 11 (c) Office of Employee Relations.
- 12 (d) Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority.
- 13 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 14 (f) Office of Legal Services.
- 15 (g) Governmental Services Center.
- 16 (h) Department of Employee Insurance.
- 17 (i) Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training.
- 18 (j) Office of Public Affairs.
- 19 (10) Education and Labor Cabinet:
- 20 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 21 1. Office of Legal Services.
- 22 a. Workplace Standards Legal Division.
- 23 b. Workers' Claims Legal Division.
- 24 c. Workforce Development Legal Division.
- 25 2. Office of Administrative Services.
- 26 a. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 27 b. Division of Fiscal Management.

- 1 c. Division of Operations and Support Services.
- 2 3. Office of Technology Services.
- 3 a. Division of Information Technology Services.
- 4 4. Office of Policy and Audit.
- 5 5. Office of Legislative Services.
- 6 6. Office of Communications.
- 7 7. Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 8 8. Board of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 9 9. Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- 10 10. Governors' Scholars Program.
- 11 11. Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Program.
- 12 12. Foundation for Adult Education.
- 13 (b) Department of Education.
- 14 1. Kentucky Board of Education.
- 15 2. Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board.
- 16 3. Education Professional Standards Board.
- 17 (c) Board of Directors for the Center for School Safety.
- 18 (d) Department for Libraries and Archives.
- 19 (e) Kentucky Environmental Education Council.
- 20 (f) Kentucky Educational Television.
- 21 (g) Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- 22 (h) Department of Workforce Development.
- 23 1. Career Development Office.
- 24 2. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 25 a. Division of Kentucky Business Enterprise.
- 26 b. Division of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center.
- 27 c. Division of Blind Services.

- 1 d. Division of Field Services.
- 2 e. Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 3 f. Employment First Council.
- 4 3. Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services.
 - 5 a. Division of Apprenticeship.
 - 6 4. Kentucky Apprenticeship Council.
 - 7 5. Division of Technical Assistance.
 - 8 6. Office of Adult Education.
 - 9 7. Office of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
- 10 (i) Department of Workplace Standards.
 - 11 1. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance.
 - 12 2. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Education and
13 Training.
 - 14 3. Division of Wages and Hours.
- 15 (j) Office of Unemployment Insurance.
- 16 (k) Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Commission.
- 17 (l) Department of Workers' Claims.
 - 18 1. Division of Workers' Compensation Funds.
 - 19 2. Office of Administrative Law Judges.
 - 20 3. Division of Claims Processing.
 - 21 4. Division of Security and Compliance.
 - 22 5. Division of Specialist and Medical Services.
 - 23 6. Workers' Compensation Board.
- 24 (m) Workers' Compensation Funding Commission.
- 25 (n) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.
- 26 (o) State Labor Relations Board.
- 27 (p) Employers' Mutual Insurance Authority.

- 1 (q) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.
- 2 (r) Workers' Compensation Nominating Committee.
- 3 (s) Office of Educational Programs.
- 4 (t) Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.
- 5 (u) Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.
- 6 (v) Kentucky Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee.
- 7 (w) Kentucky Geographic Education Board.
- 8 (x) Disability Determination Services Program.

9 III. Other departments headed by appointed officers:

- 10 (1) Council on Postsecondary Education.
- 11 (2) Department of Military Affairs.
- 12 (3) Department for Local Government.
- 13 (4) Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.
- 14 (5) Kentucky Commission on Women.
- 15 (6) Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 16 (7) Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- 17 (8) Office of Minority Empowerment.
- 18 (9) Governor's Council on Wellness and Physical Activity.
- 19 (10) Kentucky Communications Network Authority.

20 ➔Section 13. All programmatic staff, personnel, records, files, equipment,
21 resources, funding, and administrative functions of the "Division of Child Care" within
22 the Department for Community Based Services within the Cabinet for Health and Family
23 Services, shall be transferred to the "Division of Early Childhood Education" within the
24 Department for Community Based Services within the Cabinet for Health and Family
25 Services on the effective date of this Act.

26 ➔Section 14. All programmatic staff, personnel, records, files, equipment,
27 resources, funding, and administrative functions of the "Division of Regulated Child

1 Care" within the Office of Inspector General within the Cabinet for Health and Family
2 Services, shall be transferred to the "Division of Regulated Early Childhood Education"
3 within the Office of Inspector General within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services
4 on the effective date of this Act.

5 →Section 15. This Act may be cited as the Horizons Act.