

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Indigent Persons' Burial Program.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 213 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) There is hereby established the Kentucky Indigent Persons' Burial Program and*
6 *there is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund entitled the Kentucky*
7 *indigent person burial trust fund to provide funds to defray the costs of funeral*
8 *expenses for indigent persons in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The fund may*
9 *receive state appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, and any other funds both*
10 *public and private. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be disbursed by the State*
11 *Treasurer upon the warrant of the secretary or his or her representative. Any*
12 *unallocated or unencumbered balances in the fund shall be invested as provided*
13 *in KRS 42.500(9), and any income earned from the investments along with the*
14 *unallotted or unencumbered balances in the fund shall not lapse and shall be*
15 *deemed a trust and agency account and made available solely for the purposes*
16 *and benefits of the Kentucky Indigent Persons' Burial Program.*

17 *(2) The cabinet shall use the fund to defray up to six hundred dollars (\$600) of*
18 *funeral expenses by allocating the funds to pay for the burial or cremation of an*
19 *indigent person in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to the:*

20 *(a) Family of the indigent person if the family demonstrates to the cabinet that*
21 *it does not have the financial means to pay the full cost of burial or*
22 *cremation; or*

23 *(b) Licensed funeral home or crematory that provides burial or cremation*
24 *services at the request of a coroner who has possession of a dead body*
25 *pursuant to KRS Chapter 72.*

26 *(3) The cabinet shall oversee the Kentucky Indigent Persons' Burial Program and*
27 *trust fund.*

1 (4) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
2 Chapter 13A to implement this section within ninety (90) days of the effective date
3 of this Act.