

1 AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and  
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding KRS 141.020(2)(a)2., the appropriations contained  
5 in this Act are supported solely by funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account  
6 established by KRS 48.705 and shall not be identified as GF appropriations when  
7 certifying the reduction conditions pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)5. and (d)2. to 5.

8 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$178,500,000  
9 in fiscal year 2023-2024, \$1,587,795,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025, and \$75,000,000 in  
10 fiscal year 2025-2026 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established by KRS  
11 48.705 to support the following one-time appropriations:

12 (1) \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-  
13 2026 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority budget unit to support drinking water and  
14 wastewater infrastructure grants;

15 (2) \$175,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$275,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-  
16 2025 to the Department for Local Government budget unit to support matching funds  
17 under the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program.  
18 Notwithstanding KRS 147A.158(3)(b), no more than \$175,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024  
19 and \$275,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 shall be used for administrative expenses.  
20 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward;

21 (3) \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Public Pensions  
22 Authority budget unit to be applied to the unfunded pension liability of the State Police  
23 Retirement Systems pension fund. These funds shall only be distributed on a monthly  
24 basis and shall not be distributed until the system has certified that the previous month's  
25 distribution has been invested;

26 (4) \$300,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Public Pensions  
27 Authority budget unit to be applied to the unfunded pension liability of the Kentucky

1 Employees Retirement System Nonhazardous pension fund. These funds shall only be  
2 distributed on a monthly basis and shall not be distributed until the system has certified  
3 that the previous month's distribution has been invested;

4 (5) \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Teachers' Retirement System  
5 budget unit to be applied to the unfunded actuarially accrued liability of the pension fund.  
6 These funds shall only be distributed on a monthly basis and shall not be distributed until  
7 the system has certified that the previous month's distribution has been invested;

8 (6) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Cabinet for Economic  
9 Development budget unit to support approved mega-development projects of at least  
10 \$10,000,000, with an exception for certain economic development projects as  
11 recommended by the Cabinet based on unique conditions of the county where the project  
12 may occur, including but not limited to the population, per capita income, or county  
13 wages that are lower than the median for the state;

14 (7) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Cabinet for Economic  
15 Development budget unit to support the Kentucky Economic Development Finance  
16 Authority Loan Pool. The appropriation contained in this subsection shall be used to  
17 provide funding to Hardin and Warren Counties, communities experiencing significant  
18 economic development growth due to announced projects with investments exceeding  
19 \$2,000,000,000 for supporting critical infrastructure improvements, such as water and  
20 sewer requirements, for continued economic development. Assistance may be in the form  
21 of a loan with the ability for forgiveness due to meeting negotiated requirements related  
22 to increased economic development for the community;

23 (8) \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Cabinet for Economic  
24 Development budget unit to support development projects. These funds shall be allocated  
25 in accordance with KRS 154.21-010 to 154.21-040, and the Cabinet for Economic  
26 Development may retain \$100,000 of this appropriation for administrative expenses,  
27 including \$75,000 to reimburse the Kentucky Association for Economic Development for

1 technical support and evaluation services;

2 (9) \$6,395,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Kentucky State  
3 Police budget unit to purchase lab equipment consisting of:

4 (a) One mobile DNA response unit;

5 (b) One single nucleotide polymorphism instrument, including validation services  
6 and testing kits;

7 (c) Six GS/MC detector instruments;

8 (d) One 3-D firearm imaging system;

9 (e) Two gas chromatography/mass spectrometry instruments;

10 (f) Two GC/MS/FID instruments;

11 (g) One scanning electron microscope;

12 (h) 240 intoxilyzer instruments;

13 (i) One time-of-flight mass spectrometer; and

14 (j) 15 laboratory fleet vehicles;

15 (10) \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025  
16 to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation  
17 Cabinet to improve public riverports within Kentucky. The appropriation shall be  
18 disbursed and expended as follows:

19 (a) In fiscal year 2023-2024, the \$3,500,000 appropriated shall be used for  
20 construction and maintenance of public riverports as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for  
21 eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3);

22 (b) In fiscal year 2024-2025, of the \$15,000,000 appropriated, each existing  
23 public riverport shall receive \$1,500,000 for construction and maintenance as authorized  
24 by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3). Any remaining  
25 balance shall be distributed at the Transportation Cabinet Secretary's discretion and may  
26 be disbursed to riverport authorities for existing and developing riverports.  
27 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have not been expended by

1 the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year  
2 2025-2026; and

3 (c) No local match shall be required for the appropriations contained in this  
4 subsection;

5 (11) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Highways budget  
6 unit to implement the Short Line Infrastructure Preservation Pilot Project. The Kentucky  
7 Transportation Cabinet shall coordinate with and make grants to Class II and Class III  
8 railroads to preserve and enhance existing rail lines and corridors, retain existing rail-  
9 served industries and attract new industries, and preserve and modernize Kentucky's rail  
10 system. Funds from the pilot project shall be used for equipment, construction,  
11 reconstruction, improvement, or rehabilitation of rail facilities or engineering work  
12 associated with capital projects. No funds shall be expended from the pilot project unless  
13 matched with non-state funds equaling at least 50 percent of the total amount for any  
14 individual project. No single project shall receive more than \$2,000,000 in grant funds  
15 from the pilot project. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have  
16 not been expended by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry  
17 forward into fiscal year 2025-2026. The Transportation Cabinet shall submit a report to  
18 the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations  
19 and Revenue by September 1, 2025, detailing the disbursement of funds in this  
20 subsection;

21 (12) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Highways budget  
22 unit to implement the Industrial Access and Safety Improvement Pilot Project. The  
23 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet shall coordinate with and make grants to Class I, II, or  
24 III railroads, as well as to any Railroad Authority, Port Authority, and Industrial and  
25 Economic Development Authority Board to expand rail access, enhance the marketability  
26 of available industrial sites, increase job creation and capital investment, and increase  
27 safety. Funds from the pilot project shall be used for equipment, construction,

1 reconstruction, improvement, or rehabilitation of rail facilities or engineering work  
2 associated with capital projects. No funds shall be expended from the pilot project unless  
3 matched with non-state funds equaling at least 50 percent of the total amount for any  
4 individual project. No single project shall receive more than \$2,000,000 in grant funds  
5 from the pilot project. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have  
6 not been expended by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry  
7 forward into fiscal year 2025-2026. The Transportation Cabinet shall submit a report to  
8 the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations  
9 and Revenue by September 1, 2025, detailing the disbursement of funds in this  
10 subsection; and

11 (13) \$11,400,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Aviation budget  
12 unit to support grants of \$200,000 to each General Aviation airport.

13 ➔Section 2. Whereas the provisions of this Act provide ongoing support for state  
14 government agencies and their functions, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act  
15 takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise  
16 becoming a law.