

1 AN ACT relating to contributions made to a Kentucky qualified expense program.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Contribution" means the amount contributed to a Kentucky Educational  
7 Savings Plan Trust account or STABLE Kentucky account on behalf of an  
8 employee;

9 (b) "Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust account" means the trust  
10 established pursuant to KRS 164A.310, to which contributions are made  
11 and withdrawn upon by a beneficiary for qualified educational expenses;  
12 and

13 (c) "STABLE Kentucky account" means an account established pursuant to  
14 KRS 164A.260 to which contributions are made and withdrawn upon by a  
15 beneficiary for qualified expenses.

16 (2) (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the Kentucky  
17 Educational Savings Plan Trust account and STABLE Kentucky account  
18 contribution tax credit shall be available for Kentucky employers making a  
19 contribution to a Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust account or a  
20 STABLE Kentucky account on behalf of one or more of their employees.

21 (b) The tax credit:

22 1. Shall be nonrefundable and nontransferable;

23 2. May be carried forward for a period that does not exceed five (5)  
24 taxable years, if unused or not used in entirety in the current taxable  
25 year;

26 3. May be claimed against the tax imposed under KRS 141.020 or  
27 141.040 and 141.0401. The ordering of the credits shall be as provided

- 1                   in Section 2 of this Act; and
- 2                   4. Shall equal twenty percent (20%) of the total employer's contribution
- 3                   to the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust account or STABLE
- 4                   Kentucky account, with a maximum credit of five hundred dollars
- 5                   (\$500) per employee, per taxable year.
- 6                   (3) Claims for credit shall be documented on the applicable return of the employer
- 7                   in the manner specified by the department, including but not limited to the
- 8                   following information:
- 9                   (a) The employer's name, tax identification number, and address;
- 10                   (b) The employee's name, Social Security number, and Kentucky Educational
- 11                   Savings Plan Trust account or STABLE Kentucky account number; and
- 12                   (c) The amount of contribution made for each employee for the taxable year in
- 13                   which the credit is being claimed.
- 14                   (4) (a) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of this credit, the department shall
- 15                   report the following information to the Legislative Research Commission
- 16                   and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on or
- 17                   before November 1, 2027, and on or before each November 1 thereafter, as
- 18                   long as the credit is claimed on a tax return:
- 19                   1. The number of returns claiming the Kentucky Educational Savings
- 20                   Plan Trust and STABLE Kentucky account contribution tax credit;
- 21                   2. The total amount of credit claimed for each taxable year; and
- 22                   3. a. In the case of all taxpayers other than corporations, based on
- 23                   ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than five thousand
- 24                   dollars (\$5,000) for the taxable year, the total amount of tax
- 25                   credits claimed and the number of returns claiming a tax credit
- 26                   for each adjusted gross income range; and
- 27                   b. In the case of all corporations, based on ranges of net income no

1                                    larger than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the taxable year,  
2                                    the total amount of tax credit claimed and the number of returns  
3                                    claiming a tax credit for each net income range; and  
4                    (b) The information required to be reported under this section shall not be  
5                                    considered confidential taxpayer information and shall not be subject to  
6                                    KRS Chapter 131 or any other provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes  
7                                    prohibiting disclosure or reporting of information.

8                    ➔Section 2. KRS 141.0205 is amended to read as follows:

9                    If a taxpayer is entitled to more than one (1) of the tax credits allowed against the tax  
10                    imposed by KRS 141.020, 141.040, and 141.0401, the priority of application and use of  
11                    the credits shall be determined as follows:

- 12                    (1) The nonrefundable business incentive credits against the tax imposed by KRS  
13                    141.020 shall be taken in the following order:
- 14                    (a) The limited liability entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.0401;
  - 15                    (b) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,  
16                    141.384, 141.3841, 141.400, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-207, and  
17                    154.12-2088;
  - 18                    (c) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
  - 19                    (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
  - 20                    (e) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
  - 21                    (f) The tax paid to other states credit permitted by KRS 141.070;
  - 22                    (g) The credit for hiring the unemployed permitted by KRS 141.065;
  - 23                    (h) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
  - 24                    (i) The tax credit for cash contributions in investment funds permitted by KRS  
25                    154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS  
26                    154.20-258;
  - 27                    (j) The research facilities credit permitted by KRS 141.395;

- 1 (k) The employer High School Equivalency Diploma program incentive credit  
2 permitted under KRS 151B.402;
- 3 (l) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 4 (m) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 5 (n) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 6 (o) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 7 (p) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 8 (q) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 9 (r) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 10 (s) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 11 (t) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 12 (u) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389;
- 13 (v) The angel investor credit permitted by KRS 141.396;
- 14 (w) The film industry credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications approved  
15 on or after April 27, 2018, but before January 1, 2022;
- 16 (x) The inventory credit permitted by KRS 141.408;
- 17 (y) The renewable chemical production credit permitted by KRS 141.4231;~~and~~
- 18 (z) The qualified broadband investment tax credit permitted by KRS 141.391;

19 **and**

20 **(aa) The Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust account and STABLE**  
21 **Kentucky account contribution tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act;**

22 **and**

23 (2) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (1) of this section,  
24 the nonrefundable personal tax credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020  
25 shall be taken in the following order:

- 26 (a) The individual credits permitted by KRS 141.020(3);
- 27 (b) The credit permitted by KRS 141.066;

- 1 (c) The tuition credit permitted by KRS 141.069;
- 2 (d) The household and dependent care credit permitted by KRS 141.067;
- 3 (e) The income gap credit permitted by KRS 141.066; and
- 4 (f) The Education Opportunity Account Program tax credit permitted by KRS
- 5 141.522;
- 6 (3) After the application of the nonrefundable credits provided for in subsection (2) of
- 7 this section, the refundable credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 shall be
- 8 taken in the following order:
- 9 (a) The individual withholding tax credit permitted by KRS 141.350;
- 10 (b) The individual estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.305;
- 11 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961, 171.3963, and
- 12 171.397(1)(b);
- 13 (d) The film industry tax credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications
- 14 approved prior to April 27, 2018, or on or after January 1, 2022;
- 15 (e) The development area tax credit permitted by KRS 141.398;
- 16 (f) The decontamination tax credit permitted by KRS 141.419; and
- 17 (g) The pass-through entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.209;
- 18 (4) The nonrefundable credit permitted by KRS 141.0401 shall be applied against the
- 19 tax imposed by KRS 141.040;
- 20 (5) The following nonrefundable credits shall be applied against the sum of the tax
- 21 imposed by KRS 141.040 after subtracting the credit provided for in subsection (4)
- 22 of this section, and the tax imposed by KRS 141.0401 in the following order:
- 23 (a) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
- 24 141.384, 141.3841, 141.400, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-207, and
- 25 154.12-2088;
- 26 (b) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 27 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);

- 1 (d) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 2 (e) The unemployment credit permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 3 (f) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 4 (g) The coal conversion credit permitted by KRS 141.041;
- 5 (h) The enterprise zone credit permitted by KRS 154.45-090, for taxable periods
- 6 ending prior to January 1, 2008;
- 7 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions to investment funds permitted by KRS
- 8 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
- 9 154.20-258;
- 10 (j) The research facilities credit permitted by KRS 141.395;
- 11 (k) The employer High School Equivalency Diploma program incentive credit
- 12 permitted by KRS 151B.402;
- 13 (l) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 14 (m) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 15 (n) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 16 (o) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 17 (p) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 18 (q) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 19 (r) The ENERGY STAR home or ENERGY STAR manufactured home credit
- 20 permitted by KRS 141.437;
- 21 (s) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 22 (t) The railroad expansion credit permitted by KRS 141.386;
- 23 (u) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 24 (v) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 25 (w) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389;
- 26 (x) The film industry credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications approved
- 27 on or after April 27, 2018, but before January 1, 2022;

- 1 (y) The inventory credit permitted by KRS 141.408;
- 2 (z) The renewable chemical production tax credit permitted by KRS 141.4231;
- 3 (aa) The Education Opportunity Account Program tax credit permitted by KRS
- 4 141.522;~~and~~
- 5 (ab) The qualified broadband investment tax credit permitted by KRS 141.391;
- 6 and

7 **(ac) The Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust account and STABLE**

8 **Kentucky account contribution tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act;**

9 **and**

- 10 (6) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (5) of this section,
- 11 the refundable credits shall be taken in the following order:
- 12 (a) The corporation estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.044;
- 13 (b) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961, 171.3963, and
- 14 171.397(1)(b);
- 15 (c) The film industry tax credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications
- 16 approved prior to April 27, 2018, or on or after January 1, 2022;
- 17 (d) The decontamination tax credit permitted by KRS 141.419; and
- 18 (e) The pass-through entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.209.

19 ➔Section 3. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:

- 20 (1) No present or former commissioner or employee of the department, present or
- 21 former member of a county board of assessment appeals, present or former property
- 22 valuation administrator or employee, present or former secretary or employee of the
- 23 Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary or employee of the Revenue
- 24 Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and without authorization inspect
- 25 or divulge any information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, or
- 26 information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports required to be filed with
- 27 the department or other proper officer, or any information produced by a hearing or

1 investigation, insofar as the information may have to do with the affairs of the  
2 person's business.

3 (2) The prohibition established by subsection (1) of this section shall not extend to:

4 (a) Information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns of  
5 property for taxation, or any other infraction of the tax laws;

6 (b) Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way made  
7 a matter of public record;

8 (c) Furnishing any taxpayer or his or her properly authorized agent with  
9 information respecting his or her own return;

10 (d) Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the department  
11 in any court, or the introduction as evidence of returns or reports filed with the  
12 department, in an action for violation of state or federal tax laws or in any  
13 action challenging state or federal tax laws;

14 (e) Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other mineral or  
15 energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820, or owners of surface land  
16 under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about the owner's  
17 property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's property, under  
18 the provisions of KRS 132.820, that is used to determine the owner's  
19 assessment. This information shall be provided to the owner on a confidential  
20 basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties provided in KRS  
21 131.990(2). The third-party filer shall be given prior notice of any disclosure  
22 of information to the owner that was provided by the third-party filer;

23 (f) Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a  
24 foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual  
25 information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any  
26 other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820. The department may  
27 promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for the



- 1 provision of the information described in this paragraph. Any fee imposed  
2 shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing the information or  
3 ten dollars (\$10);
- 4 (g) Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet, or  
5 the Kentucky Supreme Court under KRS 131.1817;
- 6 (h) Statistics of gasoline and special fuels gallonage reported to the department  
7 under KRS 138.210 to 138.448;
- 8 (i) Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is  
9 necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to  
10 applicable school districts on a confidential basis;
- 11 (j) Providing documents, data, or other information to a third party pursuant to an  
12 order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- 13 (k) Publishing administrative writings on its official website in accordance with  
14 KRS 131.020(1)(b); or
- 15 (l) Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:
- 16 1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building  
17 materials used for disaster recovery;
- 18 2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits;
- 19 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the  
20 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;
- 21 4. KRS 141.383 for purposes of the film industry incentives;
- 22 5. KRS 154.26-095 for purposes of the Kentucky industrial revitalization  
23 tax credits and the job assessment fees;
- 24 6. KRS 141.068 for purposes of the Kentucky investment fund;
- 25 7. KRS 141.396 for purposes of the angel investor tax credit;
- 26 8. KRS 141.389 for purposes of the distilled spirits credit;
- 27 9. KRS 141.408 for purposes of the inventory credit;

- 1           10. KRS 141.390 for purposes of the recycling and composting credit;
- 2           11. KRS 141.3841 for purposes of the selling farmer tax credit;
- 3           12. KRS 141.4231 for purposes of the renewable chemical production tax
- 4           credit;
- 5           13. KRS 141.524 for purposes of the Education Opportunity Account
- 6           Program tax credit;
- 7           14. KRS 141.398 for purposes of the development area tax credit;
- 8           15. KRS 139.516 for the purposes of the sales and use tax exemption on the
- 9           commercial mining of cryptocurrency;
- 10          16. KRS 141.419 for purposes of the decontamination tax credit;
- 11          17. KRS 141.391 for purposes of the qualified broadband investment tax
- 12          credit; ~~and~~
- 13          18. KRS 139.499 for purposes of the sales tax exemption for a qualified
- 14          data center project; and

15           **19. Section 1 of this Act for purposes of the Kentucky Educational**  
 16           **Savings Plan Trust account and Kentucky STABLE account**  
 17           **contribution tax credit.**

18   (3) The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only and on  
 19   a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of this state,  
 20   any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal  
 21   government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive  
 22   similar or useful information in return.

23   (4) Access to and inspection of information received from the Internal Revenue Service  
 24   is for department use only, and is restricted to tax administration purposes.  
 25   Information received from the Internal Revenue Service shall not be made available  
 26   to any other agency of state government, or any county, city, or other state, and  
 27   shall not be inspected intentionally and without authorization by any present

1 secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or  
2 employee of the department, or any other person.

3 (5) Statistics of crude oil as reported to the department under the crude oil excise tax  
4 requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production as  
5 reported to the department under the natural resources severance tax requirements  
6 of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by release to the  
7 Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources.

8 (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with mine-map  
9 submissions for the 1989 tax year, the department may make public or divulge only  
10 those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department pursuant to  
11 KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the boundaries of mined-  
12 out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be relied upon to determine actual  
13 boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. Property boundaries contained in mine maps  
14 required under KRS Chapters 350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land  
15 surveying or boundary surveys as defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative  
16 regulations promulgated thereto.