

1 AN ACT relating to school counselors and making an appropriation therefor.

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

3 ➔Section 1. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of
4 \$97,605,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account
5 established by KRS 48.705 to the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK)
6 Program budget unit to provide financial assistance to local school districts for
7 employment of school counselors pursuant to KRS 158.4416(3)(a)1. The Kentucky
8 Department of Education shall reimburse local school districts for the salary of one
9 school counselor in each public school or public charter school. Included in the
10 appropriation are sufficient funds to enable local school districts to provide the employer
11 match to the Teachers' Retirement System. If the appropriation contained in this section
12 is insufficient for reimbursement to local school districts for the salary of one school
13 counselor at each public school or public charter school, the Kentucky Department of
14 Education is authorized to pro rata reduce the reimbursement to each school district. The
15 Kentucky Department of Education shall develop policies for the reimbursement to local
16 school districts for the purposes detailed in this Act.