

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2026 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 498/HCS 1**

On page 2, line 13, delete "state" and insert "graduation requirements" in lieu thereof;
and

On page 3, line 10, delete "industry-recognized" and insert "workforce" in lieu thereof; and

On page 5, delete lines 10 through 18 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

"(5) (a) On or before October 15 of each year, the Education and Labor Cabinet shall approve accredited providers who meet the requirements in subsection (4) of this section. The Education and Labor Cabinet shall publish a list of all approved program providers and the county or counties where the provider will serve as indicated on the provider application. Approved program providers shall begin enrolling students on or before November 15 of each year. Approved program providers shall maintain approval status unless the approved program provider is removed from the approved program providers list pursuant to subsection (11) of this section.

(b) The Education and Labor Cabinet shall select ten (10) counties to participate in the pilot program based on those counties with the highest population of adults who do not possess a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma as indicated by the most recent American Community Survey as published by the United States Census Bureau."; and

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Rep. Rep. Scott Sharp

Committee Amendment _____

Signed: _____

Floor Amendment _____

LRD Drafter: _____

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On page 5, line 21, delete "seventy-five dollars (\$275)" and insert "fifty dollars (\$250)" in lieu thereof; and

On page 5, line 22, delete "one (1)" and insert "one-half (1/2)" in lieu thereof; and

On page 8, line 6, delete "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof; and

On page 8, line 8, delete "in the same manner as the initial selection"; and

On page 8, line 9, delete "September" and insert "August" in lieu thereof; and

On page 8, line 9, delete "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof; and

On page 8, line 24, delete "industry-recognized" and insert "workforce" in lieu thereof; and

Beginning on page 9, line 7 to page 10, line 2, delete all language in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

"(13) The Education and Labor Cabinet shall:

(a) Implement this section to the extent that funds are available. If funds are inadequate to provide the program in the ten (10) counties identified pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, the Education and Labor Cabinet may select a lesser number of representative counties to implement the program and approved program providers to serve those counties;

(b) Provide no more than a combined aggregate of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per county served in each fiscal year to the approved program providers serving that county in moneys from the Adult Workforce Diploma Pilot Program fund. If the approved program providers do not reach the combined aggregate of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for a county in the first fiscal year of the pilot program, the remainder may be added to the two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) limitation for that county in the second fiscal year of the pilot program;
and

(c) Notify approved program providers in a county when it is reasonably anticipated

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that:

- 1. A county is nearing its limitation for the fiscal year; or**
- 2. The approved program provider will submit invoices that would cause the county to exceed the maximum payment restrictions in paragraph (b) of this subsection or subsection (6) of this section."**