

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM
2026 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 500/HCS 1**

PART I

OPERATING BUDGET

On page 119, after line 12, insert the following:

"(1) **School District Employee Salary Increase:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$105,866,700 in each fiscal year to support a two percent salary or compensation increase for eligible local school district employees.

Notwithstanding KRS 157.420, each local board of education shall provide each eligible employee a salary or compensation increase of two percent effective with the 2026-2027 school year. For certified staff, the salary increase in fiscal year 2026-2027 shall be in addition to the normal rank and experience increase attained by certified personnel employed by local school districts.

For the purposes of this subsection, "eligible employee" means a full-time employee of the local school district on or before September 15 of each school year.

The salary supplement shall be considered compensation for the purposes of calculating employer and employee contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System or the County Employees' Retirement System.

A local board of education shall request reimbursement for these purposes from funds appropriated under this subsection. The Department of Education shall develop policies for the

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Rep. Rep. Pamela Stevenson

Committee Amendment _____

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distribution of the reimbursements and for tracking eligible employees and reimbursement requests from districts."

SUMMARY: Provide school district employee salary increase; APPROPRIATION.