

1       AN ACT relating to one-time payments to school district employees, making an  
2 appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

4       ➔Section 1. (1)    Notwithstanding KRS 157.420, during fiscal year 2026-2027  
5 and fiscal year 2027-2028, each local school district shall provide all certified employees,  
6 except superintendents, a single payment of \$2,000 in each fiscal year. The single  
7 payment shall be issued to certified employees not later than August 31 of each fiscal  
8 year, and shall be in addition to any normal rank and step increase attained by certified  
9 personnel employed by local school districts.

10       (2)    During fiscal year 2026-2027 and fiscal year 2027-2028, each local school  
11 district shall provide all classified employees a single payment of \$1,000 in each fiscal  
12 year. The single payment shall be issued to classified employees not later than August 31  
13 of each fiscal year, and shall be in addition to any normal step increase or any increase  
14 that might result from assuming new duties or obtaining additional qualifications.

15       (3)    There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
16 \$153,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium from the Budget  
17 Reserve Trust Fund account established by KRS 48.705 to the Learning and Results  
18 Services budget unit to provide the payments set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this  
19 section. If the appropriation is insufficient to provide the payments set forth in  
20 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the Department of Education is authorized to pro  
21 rata reduce the payments.

22       ➔Section 2.   Whereas this Act provides for specific payments to school district  
23 personnel, it is essential that this Act take effect prior to the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium,  
24 therefor an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and  
25 approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.