

1       AN ACT relating to professional engineering and land surveying scholarships.

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

3       ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 322 IS CREATED TO

4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 ***It is the intent of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to:***

6 **(1) Ensure the availability of professional engineers and professional land surveyors**

7 **in the Commonwealth; and**

8 **(2) Address professional engineer and professional land surveyor workforce**

9 **development and needs throughout the Commonwealth by providing eligible**

10 **Kentucky residents with scholarships to:**

11 **(a) Attend a qualifying program at a postsecondary institution in the**

12 **Commonwealth; and**

13 **(b) Become licensed as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor in**

14 **the Commonwealth.**

15       ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 322 IS CREATED TO

16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 **(1) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a trust and agency account to be**

18 **known as the Kentucky professional engineer and professional land surveyor**

19 **incentive scholarship fund. The fund shall consist of moneys received as**

20 **described in Section 4 of this Act.**

21 **(2) The fund shall be administered by the board.**

22 **(3) Amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for the scholarships established in**

23 **Section 3 of this Act.**

24 **(4) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, fund amounts not expended at the close of the**

25 **fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year.**

26       ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 322 IS CREATED TO

27 READ AS FOLLOWS:

1    (1) The board shall make engineering and land surveying scholarships available to  
2    Kentucky residents through the Kentucky professional engineer and professional  
3    land surveyor incentive scholarship fund established in Section 2 of this Act in  
4    accordance with Sections 1 to 4 of this Act and administrative regulations  
5    promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

6    (2) The board shall administer the Kentucky professional engineer and professional  
7    land surveyor incentive scholarship fund and may recover reasonable costs for  
8    administering the fund. The board shall receive and evaluate all applications for  
9    the scholarship made by bona fide Kentucky residents who desire to become  
10   professional engineers or professional land surveyors. The board shall evaluate  
11   each application to determine if the applicant complies with criteria for the  
12   scholarships as set forth in this section and in the administrative regulations of  
13   the board.

14   (3) From among the qualified applications, the board shall designate the persons to  
15   receive assistance and the amount of the scholarship award. The board's  
16   scholarship decisions shall be final. Disbursement of funds shall occur pursuant  
17   to a written contract between the board and the applicant.

18   (4) The board shall annually determine the amount and number of individual  
19   professional engineering and professional land surveying scholarship awards to  
20   be granted by using its best judgment and shall seek to maintain the scholarship  
21   funds for future use.

22   (5) Each recipient of a scholarship granted under Sections 1 to 4 of this Act shall  
23   agree in the written contract to:

24     (a) Obtain a professional engineer or professional land surveyor license in  
25     Kentucky within six (6) years of graduation; and

26     (b) Engage in the licensed practice of professional engineering or professional  
27     land surveying in Kentucky for at least one (1) year for each academic year

1                   the recipient received the scholarship funds.

2                   ➔ SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 322 IS CREATED TO  
3                   READ AS FOLLOWS:

4                   (1) Funding for the Kentucky professional engineer and professional land surveyor  
5                   incentive scholarship fund:

6                   (a) Shall be supplied partly by funds received from penalties and fines assessed  
7                   by the board pursuant to KRS 322.180;

8                   (b) Shall be provided by an assessment of five dollars (\$5) from each  
9                   professional engineer and professional land surveyor licensure renewal  
10                   application fee payable to the board, the proceeds of which shall be  
11                   annually allocated to the Kentucky professional engineer and professional  
12                   land surveyor incentive scholarship fund; and

13                   (c) May be provided by the board from its budgeted funds.

14                   (2) (a) The board may cancel any contract entered into under Section 3 of this Act  
15                   if an applicant or recipient fails to meet the requirements of Section 3 of  
16                   this Act or the administrative regulations of the board.

17                   (b) Failure to complete the terms of the contract shall subject the applicant to  
18                   legal action for the recovery of all assistance provided, along with the  
19                   attorney's fees and interest at an annual compound rate of eight percent  
20                   (8%) from the date of disbursement from the Kentucky professional  
21                   engineer and professional land surveyor incentive scholarship fund.

22                   (3) By August 1 of each year, the board shall submit a report to the Legislative  
23                   Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing,  
24                   Occupations, and Administrative Regulations relating to the Kentucky  
25                   professional engineer and professional land surveyor incentive scholarship fund.  
26                   The report shall contain at a minimum the following information for the previous  
27                   fiscal year:

- 1      *(a) The number of scholarships provided;*
- 2      *(b) The program of study in which the recipients are enrolled;*
- 3      *(c) The total number of applications;*
- 4      *(d) The total number of scholarships recipients; and*
- 5      *(e) The amount awarded to recipients.*