

1       AN ACT relating to the dual credit scholarship program.

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

3           ➔Section 1. KRS 164.786 is amended to read as follows:

4       (1) For purposes of this section:

5           (a) "Academic term" means the fall or spring academic semester;

6           (b) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;

7           (c) "Approved dual credit course" means a dual credit course developed in  
8           accordance with KRS 164.098 and shall include:

9           1. General education courses that meet the criteria outlined in the statewide  
10           general education core approved by the Council on Postsecondary  
11           Education; and

12           2. Career and technical education courses within a career pathway  
13           approved by the Kentucky Department of Education that leads to an  
14           industry-recognized credential;

15           (d) "Authority" means the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority;

16           (e) "Dual credit" has the same meaning as in KRS 158.007;

17           (f) "Dual credit tuition rate ceiling" means one-third (1/3) of the per credit hour  
18           tuition amount, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar, charged by the  
19           Kentucky Community and Technical College System for in-state students;

20           (g) **"Eligible high school apprentice" means an eligible high school student**  
21           **that is enrolled in an eligible registered teacher apprenticeship program;**

22           (h) "Eligible high school student" means a student who:

23           1. Is a Kentucky resident;

24           2. Is enrolled in a Kentucky high school;

25           3. Has completed a thirty (30) minute college success counseling session;  
26           and

27           4. Is enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in an approved dual credit course

1 at a participating institution;

2 (i) "Eligible registered teacher apprenticeship program" means a registered  
3 teacher apprenticeship program that is:

4 1. Offered by a school district, in partnership with one (1) or more  
5 postsecondary institutions;

6 2. Designed to prepare future educators by providing student participants  
7 a direct pathway towards teacher certification and employment within  
8 the school district; and

9 3. Approved by the Education and Labor Cabinet in accordance with  
10 KRS Chapter 343 and the authority for the purposes of this section;

11 (j){(h)} "Participating institution" means a postsecondary institution that:

12 1. Has an agreement with the authority for the administration of the Dual  
13 Credit Scholarship Program;

14 2. Charges no more than the dual credit tuition rate ceiling per credit hour,  
15 including any additional fees, for any approved dual credit course it  
16 offers to any Kentucky public or nonpublic high school student;

17 3. Does not charge any tuition or fees to an eligible high school student for  
18 an approved dual credit course beyond what is paid by the Dual Credit  
19 Scholarship Program when the course is not successfully completed; and

20 4. Is a:

21 a. Kentucky Community and Technical College System institution;

22 b. Four (4) year Kentucky public college or university; or

23 c. Four (4) year private college or university that is accredited by the  
24 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and whose main  
25 campus is located in Kentucky; and

26 (k){(i)} "Successfully completed" means a student receiving both  
27 secondary and postsecondary credit upon completion of an approved dual

1 credit course.

2 (2) To promote dual credit coursework opportunities at no cost to eligible Kentucky  
3 high school students, the General Assembly hereby establishes the Dual Credit  
4 Scholarship Program.

5 (3) In consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky  
6 Department of Education, the authority shall administer the Dual Credit Scholarship  
7 Program and shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
8 Chapter 13A as may be needed for the administration of the program.

9 (4) (a) Each high school shall apply to the authority for dual credit scholarship funds  
10 for each eligible high school student.

11 (b) The authority may award a dual credit scholarship to an eligible high school  
12 student for an academic term on a first-come, first-served basis by application  
13 date, to the extent funds are available for that purpose.

14 (c) An eligible high school student may receive a dual credit scholarship for a  
15 maximum of:

16 1. a. Two (2) career and technical education dual credit courses per  
17 academic year; and

18 b.~~Two (2)~~ Two (2) general education dual credit courses over the junior and  
19 senior year; or

20 2. Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, an eligible high school  
21 apprentice may receive a total of twenty (20) dual credit courses,  
22 which shall not exceed eight (8) courses per academic year, that are  
23 required for admission to a teacher education program in pursuit of  
24 initial teacher certification.

25 (d) The dual credit scholarship award amount shall be equal to the amount  
26 charged by a participating institution, not to exceed the dual credit tuition rate  
27 ceiling for each dual credit hour.



1                   authority shall not be awarded a grant or scholarship under any  
2                   program administered by the authority under KRS Chapter 164 until  
3                   all financial obligations to the authority are satisfied, except that  
4                   ineligibility for this reason may be waived by the authority for cause.

5                   (c) To be considered for approval by the authority as offering an eligible  
6                   registered teacher apprenticeship program under this section, the school  
7                   district shall:

8                   1. Design the program to offer full-time teaching positions within the  
9                   home school district to students who complete an eligible registered  
10                   teacher apprenticeship program and obtain Kentucky teacher  
11                   certification whenever a vacancy permits;

12                   2. Establish partnerships with postsecondary institutions for providing  
13                   dual credit coursework and matriculation into teacher education  
14                   programs upon high school graduation to participating students;

15                   3. Ensure that dual credit courses taken by students participating in the  
16                   program will be transferable for purposes of completing the teacher  
17                   education program at the partner postsecondary institution upon high  
18                   school graduation; and

19                   4. Execute an agreement with the authority for participation as an  
20                   eligible registered teacher apprenticeship program under the terms  
21                   and conditions required by the authority.

22                   (6) Each participating institution shall submit information each academic term to the  
23                   authority required for the administration of the scholarship as determined by the  
24                   authority.

25                   (7)(6) The authority shall provide an annual report to the secretary of the Education  
26                   and Labor Cabinet, the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education and  
27                   the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education to include:

