

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2022 BR NUMBER 2070

SENATE BILL NUMBER 195/SCS1

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to appropriations.

**SPONSOR** Senator Chris McDaniel

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Department for Community Based Services and all public postsecondary institutions

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED Tuition and Fees

<b>FISCAL ESTIMATES</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		Restricted Funds: Indeterminable	Restricted Funds: Indeterminable	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		General Fund: \$55,000,000	General Fund: \$5,000,000	Appropriations will adjust as necessary
<b>NET EFFECT</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	Appropriations will adjust as necessary

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** The purpose of this measure is to establish a refugee support fund to be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), provide a direct appropriation to the fund for administration by the Kentucky Office of Refugees (KOR) which is a department of Catholic Charities of Louisville and is a federally-designated refugee resettlement program, establish a reporting requirement for KOR, suspend lapsing language, and waive undergraduate program tuition and mandatory fees at every public postsecondary institution for qualifying refugees.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The fiscal impact of SB 195/PSS1 will be significant and indeterminable across multiple fund sources beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2023. While this bill appropriates \$50 million in General Fund in FY 2023 for the refugee support fund, the funding is to be immediately allocated to KOR who will provide refugee families grants of up to \$10,000 each for relocation costs. An additional \$5 million in General Fund is provided per fiscal year to be immediately allocated to KOR for administration costs for providing grants. While the fund is

being administered by DCBS, they will ultimately be acting as a pass through to provide funding to KOR.

The impact of waiving tuition and mandatory fees at all public postsecondary institutions for qualifying refugees enrolled in an undergraduate program will be significant and indeterminable as the population of eligible and qualifying refugees is unknown. By waiving tuition and mandatory fees at every postsecondary institution, all impacted institutions will see lower net revenues for tuition and mandatory fees. The average cost of tuition and mandatory fees across all public postsecondary institutions (research, comprehensive, and two-year) for FY 2022 is \$9,983 per year. For visualization purposes only, based on the current average four years of undergraduate education would cost approximately \$39,900 in tuition and mandatory fees. Based on the prevailing eligible tuition waivers provided for by statute, eligible and qualifying refugees could receive tuition for up to four years upon graduation from a high school; obtaining a high school equivalency diploma; or for 150 consecutive or nonconsecutive credit hours earned, if satisfactory progress is maintained, up until the age of 28.

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