

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2026 BR NUMBER 1469

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 275

TITLE AN ACT relating to KEES scholarships for students attending noncertified schools.

SPONSOR Representative Felicia Rabourn

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNCERTAIN

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

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☒ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☐ FEDERAL ☐ RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES			\$1,394,100	\$4,165,700
NET EFFECT			(\$1,394,100)	(\$4,165,700)

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: HB 275 modifies the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program to extend eligibility to students who graduate from noncertified schools. The bill defines an “eligible noncertified school graduate” and establishes KEES award amounts for these students by using an equivalent grade point average based on the graduate’s ACT score.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: Based on home school population projections, historical KEES utilization rates, and ACT performance data, the estimated cost of the bill is \$1.39 million for the initial cohort in fiscal year 2027-2028. As additional cohorts earn and begin utilizing awards, the estimated impact at full implementation is approximately \$4.17 million each fiscal year, beginning in 2031-2032.

DATA SOURCE(S): KHEAA, KDE

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