

1 AN ACT relating to school meals at low-income schools and making an  
2 appropriation therefor.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:*

7 *(a) "Community eligibility provision" means the school meal reimbursement*  
8 *program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture to*  
9 *reimburse low-income schools for offering no-charge meals to all enrolled*  
10 *students governed by 7 C.F.R. pt. 245;*

11 *(b) "Identified student percentage" means the percentage of student population*  
12 *used by the United States Department of Agriculture to determine the*  
13 *eligibility and reimbursement rate of a school, group of schools, or school*  
14 *district for the community eligibility provision; and*

15 *(c) "Paid rate" means the partial reimbursement rate a school participating in*  
16 *the community eligibility provision receives for providing a no-charge*  
17 *school breakfast or lunch that is not eligible for reimbursement at the free*  
18 *rate through the community eligibility provision.*

19 *(2) The Kentucky Proud School Match Program is hereby established to reduce the*  
20 *financial burden of eligible school districts participating in the community*  
21 *eligibility provision. The Kentucky Department of Education shall reimburse an*  
22 *eligible school district thirty-three cents (\$0.33) for each meal that is:*

23 *(a) Reimbursed by the United States Department of Agriculture through the*  
24 *community eligibility provision at the paid rate; and*

25 *(b) Provided by a school participating in the community eligibility provision*  
26 *that qualifies individually, as part of a group of schools, or as part of a*  
27 *district with an identified student percentage of at least forty percent (40%).*

- 1 (3) A school district with at least one (1) school or group of schools participating in  
2 the community eligibility provision shall be eligible to participate in the Kentucky  
3 Proud School Match Program upon development and implementation of a  
4 Kentucky Proud school plan to:
- 5 (a) Identify and purchase available Kentucky-grown agricultural products that  
6 meet the applicable quality standards and pricing requirements of the  
7 school district. The plan may prioritize the purchase of Kentucky Proud  
8 agricultural products; and
- 9 (b) Optimize food usage in the district's school nutrition programs in order to  
10 reduce food waste in the district. Districts are encouraged to incorporate the  
11 use of a share table program in the Kentucky Proud school plan.
- 12 (4) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations in  
13 accordance with KRS Chapter 13A necessary to carry out this section, including  
14 an application form for the Kentucky Proud School Match Program, a sample  
15 Kentucky Proud school plan, and method of data collection to measure the  
16 impact of the Kentucky Proud School Match Program.
- 17 (5) In the event that the United States Department of Agriculture terminates the  
18 community eligibility provision, the provisions of this section shall be considered  
19 null and void.
- 20 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as the Kentucky Proud School Match Act.