

1 AN ACT relating to the Innovative Teacher Education Grant Program, making an
2 appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) The General Assembly does hereby establish the Innovative Teacher Education*
7 *Grant Program, effective for the 2023-2024 school year through the 2025-2026*
8 *school year. The program shall be administered by the Council on Postsecondary*
9 *Education to offer grants to Kentucky public colleges and universities to*
10 *incentivize innovative and affordable teacher preparation programs.*

11 *(2) The Innovative Teacher Education Grant Program shall require Kentucky public*
12 *colleges and universities receiving a grant to:*

13 *(a) Charge no more than the in-state per credit hour tuition amount charged by*
14 *the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to students who*
15 *have been accepted, are enrolled, or have declared a major in a teacher*
16 *preparation program;*

17 *(b) Include flexibility within the teacher preparation program;*

18 *(c) Establish a process to award credit for prior learning and assessment with a*
19 *focus on shortening the time required to reach student teaching and a*
20 *degree while meeting all requirements established by the Education*
21 *Professional Standards Board; and*

22 *(d) Provide intensive partnerships and wrap-around supports to promote*
23 *student success.*

24 *(3) A grant applicant shall provide assurance that at least one (1) of the following*
25 *programmatic components has been met prior to grant approval:*

26 *(a) Program alignment and transfer between two (2) year and four (4) year*
27 *public postsecondary institutions; or*

1 **(b) Program alignment between a local kindergarten through grade twelve (12)**
2 **school district and a public postsecondary institution.**

3 **(4) The Council on Postsecondary Education shall:**

4 **(a) Specify the criteria for the grant application and review process;**

5 **(b) Establish the minimum evaluation process for an annual review of each**
6 **grant recipient's program and progress;**

7 **(c) Identify the annual data that must be provided by grant recipients;**

8 **(d) Establish matching requirements deemed necessary;**

9 **(e) Establish conditions for grant renewal;**

10 **(f) Conduct summative research and evaluations; and**

11 **(g) Submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education by December**
12 **1, 2025, that includes an evaluation of implementation by grant recipients.**

13 ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Council on Postsecondary
14 Education General Fund moneys in the amount of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024
15 for the costs incurred by the council in carrying out its duties described in Section 1 of
16 this Act. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry
17 forward with the stipulation that no more than \$1,000,000 in grants shall be offered in
18 fiscal year 2023-2024 or any subsequent fiscal year.

19 ➔Section 3. This Act may be cited as the Innovative Teacher Education Act.

20 ➔Section 4. Whereas schools across the state need access to highly qualified
21 educators, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage
22 and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.