

1 AN ACT relating to state employment offices and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 151B.285 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet shall administer and supervise
5 state employment offices and perform any other duties within the Act of Congress
6 entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a National Employment Service
7 and for Cooperation with the State in the Promotion of Such System and for Other
8 Purposes," approved June 6, 1933 (48 Stat. 113, U.S.C., Title 29, sec. 49(c)), as
9 amended, and known as the Wagner-Peyser Act. All duties and powers relating to
10 the establishment, maintenance, and operation of free public employment offices
11 are vested in the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, ***except that at***
12 ***least one (1) full-time free public employment office through the Kentucky Career***
13 ***Center shall be open and fully operational in each of the following locations if***
14 ***the secretary determines that the local workforce area in which that office is***
15 ***located has, as of the end of the latest six (6) month period ending either on June***
16 ***30 or December 31, an average unemployment rate above five percent (5%) for***
17 ***the preceding six (6) month period:***

18 ***(a) Albany;***

19 ***(b) Ashland;***

20 ***(c) Bardstown;***

21 ***(d) Bowling Green;***

22 ***(e) Campbellsville;***

23 ***(f) Carrollton;***

24 ***(g) Central City;***

25 ***(h) Columbia;***

26 ***(i) Corbin;***

27 ***(j) Covington;***

- 1 **(k) Danville;**
2 **(l) Elizabethtown;**
3 **(m) Falmouth;**
4 **(n) Florence;**
5 **(o) Fort Knox;**
6 **(p) Frankfort;**
7 **(q) Georgetown;**
8 **(r) Glasgow;**
9 **(s) Harlan;**
10 **(t) Hazard;**
11 **(u) Henderson;**
12 **(v) Hopkinsville;**
13 **(w) Jackson;**
14 **(x) Lebanon;**
15 **(y) Leitchfield;**
16 **(z) Lexington;**
17 **(aa) Liberty;**
18 **(ab) London;**
19 **(ac) Louisville;**
20 **(ad) Madisonville;**
21 **(ae) Manchester;**
22 **(af) Marion;**
23 **(ag) Mayfield;**
24 **(ah) Maysville;**
25 **(ai) McKee;**
26 **(aj) Middlesboro;**
27 **(ak) Monticello;**

- 1 *(al) Morehead;*
2 *(am) Mount Sterling;*
3 *(an) Murray;*
4 *(ao) Owensboro;*
5 *(ap) Paducah;*
6 *(aq) Pikeville;*
7 *(ar) Pineville;*
8 *(as) Prestonsburg;*
9 *(at) Richmond;*
10 *(au) Russell Springs;*
11 *(av) Shelbyville;*
12 *(aw) Shepherdsville;*
13 *(ax) Somerset;*
14 *(ay) Springfield;*
15 *(az) Whitesburg;*
16 *(ba) Whitley City;*
17 *(bb) Williamstown; and*
18 *(bc) Winchester.*

19 **(2)** The provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, are accepted by this state in
20 conformity with Section 4 of that Act, and this state will observe and comply with
21 the requirements of that Act. The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is
22 designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purposes of the Wagner-
23 Peyser Act.

24 ➔Section 2. Whereas it is of utmost importance to provide free, in-person
25 employment services to all areas of Kentucky, an emergency is declared to exist, and this
26 Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
27 becoming a law.