

1 AN ACT relating to small business.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.12-330 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority is hereby authorized to
- 5 develop and fund a small business loan program to assist new or existing small
- 6 businesses operating in the Commonwealth. The authority may lend up to one
- 7 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to any eligible small business for acquisition,
- 8 construction, expansion, working capital, or any other business expense the
- 9 authority deems reasonable to approve.
- 10 (2) The authority shall determine the terms, conditions, and requirements for loans
- 11 issued under this section, including collateral requirements when deemed
- 12 reasonable and appropriate. Recognizing that small businesses, while essential for
- 13 the economic vitality of the Commonwealth, may have difficulty obtaining
- 14 conventional loans, the authority may provide terms that are more lenient, high-risk,
- 15 less secure, or otherwise less stringent than industry standards.
- 16 (3) To be eligible for a loan under this section, a small business shall:
- 17 (a) Be engaged in manufacturing, agribusiness,~~[-or-]~~ service, or technology;~~[-, shall]~~
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- 19 (b) Not be engaged primarily in retail;~~[-,]~~ and~~[-shall]~~
- 20 (c) Commit to creating and maintaining at least one (1) new full-time job above
- 21 the number existing on the date of application.