

1 AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government  
2 agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (14), at page  
5 2, is amended to read as follows:

6 (14) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
7 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Albany to support reduction ~~of land~~ water  
8 loss;

9 ➔Section 2. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (23), at page  
10 3, is amended to read as follows:

11 (23) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
12 budget unit to be distributed to the ***Powell Valley Water District***~~[City of Powell Valley]~~  
13 for water and sewer expansion near the Red River Gorge;

14 ➔Section 3. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (24), at page  
15 3, is amended to read as follows:

16 (24) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
17 budget unit to be distributed to the ***Beech Fork Water Commission***~~[City of Beach Fork]~~  
18 for water and sewer expansion near the Red River Gorge;

19 ➔Section 4. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (35), at page  
20 5, is amended to read as follows:

21 (35) \$8,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
22 budget unit to be distributed to the Woodford County Fiscal Court to support a  
23 wastewater project ***in the community of Millville*** in conjunction with the ***City of***  
24 ***Frankfort***~~[Frankfort Plant Board];~~

25 ➔Section 5. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (44), at page  
26 6, is amended to read as follows:

27 (44) \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority

1 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Georgetown for various water and wastewater  
 2 infrastructure projects for Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service;

3 ➔Section 6. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (45), at page  
 4 6, is amended to read as follows:

5 (45) \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Department for Local Government  
 6 budget unit to be distributed to Louisville Metro Government and allocated at the sole  
 7 discretion of its Economic Development Department for the revitalization of downtown  
 8 Louisville to include these projects:

- 9 (a) The Belvedere;
- 10 (b) Community Care Campus;
- 11 (c) LOUMED Campus;
- 12 (d) Louisville Gardens;
- 13 (e) Downtown Vacant Buildings~~[Lot]~~ Revitalization; and
- 14 (f) Butchertown Sports District;

15 ➔Section 7. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (52), at page  
 16 7, is amended to read as follows:

17 (52) \$1,000,000~~[\$2,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
 18 2025-2026 to the Attorney General~~[Department for Local Government]~~ budget unit to  
 19 ~~be distributed to the City of Paducah to~~ create an electric reliability defense  
 20 program~~[support the Build Ready Grant for the City of Paducah Infrastructure project];~~

21 ➔Section 8. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (53), at page  
 22 7, is amended to read as follows:

23 (53) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
 24 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Kevil~~[Kevil Rural Fire Department]~~ to support  
 25 upgrades and enhancements for the Kevil Fire Station;

26 ➔Section 9. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (95), at page  
 27 12, is amended to read as follows:

1 (95) \$850,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the *Department of Parks*~~[Department~~  
2 ~~for Local Government]~~ budget unit ~~[to be distributed to the City of Perryville ]~~for the  
3 restoration of the Dye House on the grounds of the Perryville Battlefield *State Historic*  
4 *Site*;

5 ➔Section 10. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (100), at  
6 page 12, is amended to read as follows:

7 (100)\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
8 budget unit to be distributed to the *Lincoln High School Historical Foundation in*  
9 *Paducah*~~[Lincoln County Fiscal Court]~~ for *a civic center*~~[the Lincoln Civic Center]~~  
10 project;

11 ➔Section 11. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (101), at  
12 page 12, is amended to read as follows:

13 (101)\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
14 budget unit to be distributed to the *City of Elizabethtown*~~[Hardin County Fiscal Court]~~  
15 for the Elizabethtown Parks and Trails Conservancy;

16 ➔Section 12. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (106), at  
17 page 13, is amended to read as follows:

18 (106)\$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to  
19 the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the *Center for*  
20 *Rural Development*~~[Lake Cumberland Area Development District]~~ for a regional training  
21 center *in collaboration with the Lake Cumberland Area Development District*;

22 ➔Section 13. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (122), at  
23 page 14, is amended to read as follows:

24 (122)\$100,000 in each fiscal year to the Department for Local Government budget  
25 unit to be distributed to *The Nest in Lexington*~~[the Fayette County Fiscal Court]~~ to  
26 support *operations*~~[The Nest in Lexington]~~;

27 ➔Section 14. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (130), at

1 page 15, is amended to read as follows:

2 (130)\$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
3 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Booneville for land acquisition and  
4 renovations~~[city renovations]~~;

5 ➔Section 15. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (131), at  
6 page 15, is amended to read as follows:

7 (131)\$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
8 budget unit to be distributed to the Owsley County Fiscal Court for land acquisition,  
9 reclamation, and renovations;

10 ➔Section 16. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (132), at  
11 page 15, is amended to read as follows:

12 (132)\$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
13 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Booneville~~[Owsley County Fiscal Court]~~ for a  
14 home development~~[homeless]~~ initiative;

15 ➔Section 17. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (134), at  
16 page 16, is amended to read as follows:

17 (134)\$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
18 budget unit to be distributed to the City of Corbin for land acquisition, construction, and  
19 renovations for a tourism initiative;

20 ➔Section 18. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (137), at  
21 page 16, is amended to read as follows:

22 (137)\$8,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
23 budget unit to be distributed to the Knox County Fiscal Court for land acquisition and  
24 renovations for a new county administrative office~~[a new County Administrative~~  
25 ~~Office]~~;

26 ➔Section 19. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (139), at  
27 page 16, is amended to read as follows:

1 (139)\$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
2 budget unit to be distributed to the Clay County Fiscal Court for construction of  
3 **multipurpose buildings and renovations**~~[a Multi-Purpose Building];~~

4 ➔Section 20. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (140), at  
5 page 16, is amended to read as follows:

6 (140)\$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local  
7 Government budget unit to be distributed to ICC for **land acquisition, construction, and**  
8 **joint projects for** various economic development projects;

9 ➔Section 21. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (146), at  
10 page 17, is amended to read as follows:

11 (146)\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
12 budget unit to be distributed to **Shaping**~~[Save]~~ Our Appalachian Region for remote talent  
13 attraction;

14 ➔Section 22. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (152), at  
15 page 17, is amended to read as follows:

16 (152)\$11,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local  
17 Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of Frankfort to support construction  
18 of the Frankfort Convention Center subject to **a dollar-for-dollar match**~~[funding the~~  
19 ~~project balance of \$22,500,000];~~

20 ➔Section 23. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (160), at  
21 page 18, is amended to read as follows:

22 (160)\$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the **Cabinet for Economic**  
23 **Development**~~[Department of Agriculture]~~ budget unit to support matching funds under  
24 the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program **of 2024. Of**  
25 **this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to Grant Ready Kentucky.** Notwithstanding  
26 KRS 147A.158(3)(b), no more than \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 shall be used for  
27 administrative expenses. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and

1 shall carry forward;

2 →Section 24. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (172), at  
3 page 20, is amended to read as follows:

4 (172)\$50,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Economic Development budget unit to  
5 support approved mega-development projects of at least \$10,000,000, with an exception  
6 for certain economic development projects as recommended by the Cabinet based on  
7 unique conditions of the county where the project may occur, including but not limited to  
8 the population, per capita income, or county wages that are lower than the median for the  
9 state. **These funds may be used to provide loans with the ability for forgiveness upon**  
10 **approval by the Secretary to support infrastructure and access to power. The Cabinet**  
11 **shall develop the terms and conditions of the loans and shall include requirements**  
12 **related to increased economic development;**

13 →Section 25. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (173), at  
14 page 20, is amended to read as follows:

15 (173)\$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Economic Development budget  
16 unit to support the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority Loan Pool. The  
17 appropriation contained in this subsection shall be used to provide funding to Hardin and  
18 Warren Counties, communities experiencing significant economic development growth  
19 due to announced projects with investments exceeding \$2,000,000,000 for supporting  
20 critical infrastructure improvements, such as water and sewer requirements, for continued  
21 economic development. Assistance may be in the form of a loan with the ability for  
22 forgiveness due to meeting negotiated requirements related to increased economic  
23 development for the community. **Of this amount, \$20,000,000 shall be allocated to the**  
24 **Intermodal Transportation Authority project at the Kentucky Transpark;**

25 →Section 26. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (190), at  
26 page 23, is amended to read as follows:

27 (190)\$1,500,000 in ~~each~~ fiscal year **2024-2025 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year**

1 2025-2026 to the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual  
 2 Disabilities budget unit to be distributed to Mountain Comprehensive Health  
 3 Corporation~~[Letcher County Fiscal Court]~~ for the Transitioning from Recovery to  
 4 Society program;

5 ➔Section 27. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (198), at  
 6 page 24, is amended to read as follows:

7 (198) \$4,000,000~~[\$5,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for  
 8 Community Based Services budget unit to support campus completion for the Harbor  
 9 House of Louisville;

10 ➔Section 28. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (215), at  
 11 page 26, is amended to read as follows:

12 (215) \$18,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Kentucky Horse Park Commission  
 13 budget unit for facility upgrades to be allocated as follows:

- 14 (a) \$2,500,000 for the renovation of the restaurant;
- 15 (b) \$15,000,000 for the replacement of competition barns and stalls;
- 16 (c) \$7,000,000 for the renovation of entertainment pavilions;
- 17 (d) \$5,000,000 for the replacement of campground sites and bathhouse;
- 18 (e) \$1,500,000 for a maintenance pool; and
- 19 (f) \$5,000,000~~[\$5,000,000]~~ for the renovation of the International Museum of the  
 20 Horse;

21 ➔Section 29. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (218), at  
 22 page 26, is amended to read as follows:

23 (218) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Secretary budget unit in the Tourism,  
 24 Arts and Heritage Cabinet to be distributed to the Muhlenberg County Tourism  
 25 Commission to support tourism~~[provide matching funds to purchase playground~~  
 26 ~~equipment at Lake Malone State Park]~~;

27 ➔Section 30. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (224), at

1 page 27, is amended to read as follows:

2 (224)\$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the General Administration and  
3 Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be distributed to the  
4 Paducah-McCracken Riverport Authority to support the Riverport West project.  
5 **Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward to**  
6 **fiscal year 2024-2025;**

7 ➔Section 31. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (225), at  
8 page 27, is amended to read as follows:

9 (225)\$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the General Administration and Support  
10 budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within  
11 Kentucky. **Of this amount, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the West**  
12 **Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority to support predevelopment archaeological**  
13 **activities. In addition, each**~~Each~~ existing public riverport shall receive \$750,000 in  
14 each fiscal year for construction and maintenance as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for  
15 eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3), and no local match shall be required. Any  
16 remaining balance shall be distributed at the Transportation Cabinet Secretary's discretion  
17 and may be disbursed to riverport authorities for existing and developing riverports.  
18 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have not been expended by  
19 the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year  
20 2025-2026;

21 ➔Section 32. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (233), at  
22 page 30, is amended to read as follows:

23 (233)\$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Emergency and Targeted  
24 Investment Fund established by KRS 157.618, **The School Facilities Construction**  
25 **Commission shall grant priority to schools with structural failures and no bonding**  
26 **capacity;**~~and~~

27 ➔Section 33. 2024 Regular Session HB 1/VO, Section 1, subsection (234), at

1 page 30, is amended to read as follows:

2 (234) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
3 budget unit to be distributed to the Edmonson County Fiscal Court to provide an  
4 emergency infrastructure grant. This grant will require a local match of at least  
5 \$1,000,000; ~~and~~

6 (235) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local  
7 Government budget unit to be distributed to the City of London to support construction  
8 of the London City Plaza project; and

9 (236) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the University of Kentucky budget  
10 unit to support immune dysregulation research.

11 ➔ Section 34. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 4., (2)  
12 Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients - Travel and Per Diem, at page 4, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (2) ~~[(Congressional)]~~ **Medal of Honor Recipients - Travel and Per Diem:** The  
15 Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs may approve travel and per diem  
16 expenses incurred when Kentucky residents who have been awarded the ~~[(Congressional]~~  
17 ~~]~~ Medal of Honor attend veterans, military, or memorial events in the Commonwealth of  
18 Kentucky.

19 ➔ Section 35. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 6., (1) Kentucky  
20 National Guard, at page 8, is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) **Kentucky National Guard:** Included in the above General Fund  
22 appropriation is \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year to be expended, subject to the conditions  
23 and procedures provided in this Act, which are required as a result of the Governor's  
24 declaration of emergency pursuant to KRS Chapter 39A, and the Governor's call of the  
25 Kentucky National Guard to active duty when an emergency or exigent situation has been  
26 declared to exist by the Governor. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of the  
27 \$4,500,000 not expended shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS

1 48.705) at the end of each fiscal year. In the event that costs for Governor-declared  
 2 emergencies or the Governor's call of the Kentucky National Guard for emergencies or  
 3 exigent situations exceed \$4,500,000 annually, up to \$50,000,000~~[\$25,000,000]~~ shall be  
 4 deemed necessary government expenses and shall be paid from the General Fund Surplus  
 5 Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

6 ➔Section 36. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 6., (2) Disaster  
 7 or Emergency Aid Funds, at pages 8 to 9, is amended to read as follows:

8 **(2) Disaster or Emergency Aid Funds:** Subject to the conditions and procedures  
 9 in this Act, in the event of a presidentially declared disaster or emergency, the  
 10 Department of Military Affairs may request from the Finance and Administration  
 11 Cabinet, as a necessary government expense, up to \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024,  
 12 \$25,000,000~~[\$50,000,000]~~ in fiscal year 2024-2025, and \$25,000,000~~[\$50,000,000]~~ in  
 13 fiscal year 2025-2026 from the General Fund to be used as required to match federal aid  
 14 for which the state would be eligible. These necessary funds shall be made available from  
 15 the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
 16 Account (KRS 48.705).

17 ➔Section 37. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 19., a., (7)  
 18 Employment of Family Members, at page 24, is amended to read as follows:

19 ~~[(7) **Employment of Family Members:** Notwithstanding 65.003(3)(c), no~~  
 20 ~~Commonwealth's Attorney shall hire a family member, as defined as a spouse, parent,~~  
 21 ~~sibling, child, mother in law, father in law, son in law, daughter in law, grandparent, or~~  
 22 ~~grandchild on or after the effective date of this Act.]~~

23 ➔Section 38. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 19., b., (8)  
 24 Employment of Family Members, at page 26, is amended to read as follows:

25 ~~[(8) **Employment of Family Members:** Notwithstanding 65.003(3)(c), no County~~  
 26 ~~Attorney shall hire a family member, as defined as a spouse, parent, sibling, child,~~  
 27 ~~mother in law, father in law, son in law, daughter in law, grandparent, or grandchild on~~

1 ~~or after the effective date of this Act.]~~

2       ➔Section 39. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, A., 27., (4)  
3 Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool - 2025-2026, at page 41, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5       **(4) Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool - 2025-2026:** A local  
6 school district that owns a secondary area technology center shall be eligible to receive a  
7 grant of up to ~~\$7,500,000~~ **\$10,000,000** to support renovation costs in fiscal year 2025-  
8 2026. The School Facilities Construction Commission shall develop criteria for the  
9 districts to receive funding, which shall include enrollment in job creation training  
10 programs, bonding capacity, and a needs-based local match. The Commission shall show  
11 preference to applications from regions projected to experience rapid growth due to  
12 economic development. No award shall be made to any local school district which has  
13 received an award from the Local Area Vocational Education Center Pool since fiscal  
14 year 2020-2021.

15       **Included in the Secondary Area Technology Center Renovation Pool is an**  
16 **allocation of \$600,000 to the Floyd County Area Technology Center to support**  
17 **engineering, design, and rehabilitation costs. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be used**  
18 **for the design, and \$500,000 shall be used for sewer, water, and electric.**

19       ➔Section 40. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, C., 1., (22) Property  
20 Assessment Growth Relief, at page 60, is amended to read as follows:

21       **(22) Property Assessment Growth Relief: (a) In addition to the support**  
22 **provided by KRS 157.360(17), a district shall qualify for supplemental property**  
23 **assessment growth relief in fiscal year 2024-2025 if sufficient funds exist within the**  
24 **SEEK budget unit and all of the following conditions are met:**

25       **1. The district qualifies for an assessment adjustment in accordance with KRS**  
26 **157.360(17) in fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025;**

27       **2. The district levied a tax rate of four percent or greater in fiscal year 2024-**

1 2025; and

2 3. The district experienced a cumulative rate of growth in real estate values  
 3 from fiscal year 2022-2023 to fiscal year 2024-2025 in excess of 14.4 percent.

4 (b) A district shall qualify for supplemental relief in fiscal year 2025-2026 if  
 5 sufficient funds exist within the SEEK budget unit and all of the following conditions  
 6 are met:

7 1. The district qualifies for an assessment adjustment in accordance with KRS  
 8 157.360(17) in fiscal year 2024-2025 and fiscal year 2025-2026;

9 2. The district levied a tax rate of four percent or greater in fiscal year 2025-  
 10 2026; and

11 3. The district experienced a cumulative rate of growth in real estate values  
 12 from fiscal year 2022-2023 to fiscal year 2025-2026 in excess of 25.8 percent.

13 (c) The Kentucky Department of Education shall use the available funds to  
 14 adjust the assessment for qualifying districts in each fiscal year to provide real estate  
 15 growth relief. ~~[Notwithstanding KRS 157.360(17), the Department of Education shall~~  
 16 ~~value real estate for the purposes of calculating the state portion of local effort required to~~  
 17 ~~participate in the SEEK Program as the lesser of the current year assessment or the prior~~  
 18 ~~year assessment increased by four percent, plus the value of current year new property.~~  
 19 ~~For purposes of calculating the adjusted prior year assessment, the value of current new~~  
 20 ~~year property may not exceed 110 percent of the value of the prior year's valuation of~~  
 21 ~~existing property. Authorization to use the prior year assessment, as adjusted, shall be~~  
 22 ~~subject to available funds.]~~

23 ➔Section 41. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, C., 3., (5) Center for  
 24 School Safety, at pages 66 to 67, is amended to read as follows:

25 **(5) Center for School Safety:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation  
 26 is \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Center for School Safety. Notwithstanding KRS  
 27 158.446, the Center for School Safety shall allot these moneys for the purposes described

1 in KRS 158.440, 158.441, 158.4415, 158.4416, 158.442, 158.445, and 158.446 at both  
 2 public and private school buildings, campuses, grounds, recreational areas, or athletic  
 3 fields, except that no more than \$2,000,000~~[\$1,500,000]~~ in each fiscal year may be  
 4 retained for operating and administrative purposes. The Center for School Safety shall  
 5 research and evaluate commercial software solutions available to improve school safety.  
 6 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose  
 7 shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports  
 8 shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

9 ➔Section 42. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, G., 8., (16) Foster  
 10 Home Rate Equity, at page 116, is amended to read as follows:

11 **(16) Foster Home Rate Equity:** Included in the above appropriations is  
 12 \$10,600,000 in Restricted Funds and \$2,400,000 in Federal Funds in each fiscal year to  
 13 support an increase in the ~~[DCBS]~~ foster care rate per diems~~[diem]~~ and to align the rates  
 14 to be more equitable with the Private Child Caring and Private Child Placing agency rate  
 15 per diems]. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

16 ➔Section 43. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (12)  
 17 Postbaccalaureate Initiatives, at page 150, is amended to read as follows:

18 **(12) Postbaccalaureate Initiatives:** Included in the above General Fund  
 19 appropriation is \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to contract with an outside entity to  
 20 conduct a study on the postbaccalaureate initiatives of each of the comprehensive  
 21 universities. The study shall be prioritized according to 2024 Regular Session SJR 170.  
 22 Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward to fiscal  
 23 year 2024-2025. Any unexpended funds at the conclusion of the study may be used for  
 24 administrative expenses. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of  
 25 this Act.

26 ➔Section 44. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (13) Immunity  
 27 for Postsecondary Institutions, at pages 150 to 151, is amended to read as follows:

1           **(13) Immunity for Postsecondary Institutions:** Notwithstanding any statute to  
2 the contrary, a public postsecondary institution, including any affiliated corporation, its  
3 officers, employees, and agents, shall be immune from all claims, including class action  
4 claims for damages, a declaratory judgment, and equitable relief based on an act or  
5 omission if:

6           (a) The claim arises out of or in connection with tuition paid to the public  
7 postsecondary institution for an academic term that included the months of March, April,  
8 and May 2020;

9           (b) The claim alleges losses or damages arising from an act or omission by the  
10 public postsecondary institution during or in response to the COVID-19 emergency; ***and***

11           (c) The alleged act or omission of the public postsecondary institution was related  
12 to protecting public health and safety interests in response to the COVID-19 emergency  
13 in compliance with federal, state, or local guidance, including but not limited to:

14           1. Transition to online or otherwise remote instruction;

15           2. Pause or modification to instruction available through the institution of higher  
16 education;

17           3. Closure of, or modification to, operation of on-campus facilities of the public  
18 postsecondary institution; or

19           4. The public postsecondary institution offered online and otherwise remote  
20 learning options that allowed students to complete the coursework in the academic term  
21 that included the months of March, April, and May 2020 and receive academic credit.

22           ➔Section 45. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, J., 1., (14) Simmons  
23 College, at page 151, is amended to read as follows:

24           **(14) Simmons College:** Included in the above Federal Funds appropriation is  
25 \$1,280,200 in fiscal year 2023-2024 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the  
26 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support ***infrastructure planning and facility***  
27 ***acquisition for student residential housing, an onsite tutoring/study facility, and***

1 development and designs for capital improvements to support academic program  
2 expansion [the Teacher Education Initiative and public health initiatives].

3 →Section 46. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, K., 10. Claims and  
4 Appeals, at pages 173 to 174, is amended to read as follows:

5 **10. CLAIMS AND APPEALS**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
6 General Fund	1,000,000	2,215,700	2,246,800
7 Restricted Funds	-0-	1,317,200	1,317,300
8 Federal Funds	-0-	768,100	769,100
9 TOTAL	1,000,000	4,301,000	4,333,200

11 **(1) Crime Victims' Compensation Fund:** Included in the above General Fund  
12 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to  
13 support the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any  
14 portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve  
15 Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part  
16 III, 24. of this Act.

17 **(2) Additional Personnel:** Included in the above Federal Funds appropriation is  
18 \$104,100 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$105,100 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to support  
19 additional personnel. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this  
20 Act.

21 **(3) Administrative Expenses and Claims: Notwithstanding KRS 304.2-400(2),**  
22 **excess Restricted Funds from the Department of Insurance shall be transferred to the**  
23 **Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and made available to support administrative**  
24 **expenses and claims.**

25 →Section 47. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 1., (5) Southern  
26 Kentucky Tourism Initiative, at page 175, is amended to read as follows:

27 **(5) Southern Kentucky Tourism Initiative:** Included in the above Restricted

1 Funds appropriation is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to support the  
2 Southern~~[Southeast]~~ Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for the Southern Kentucky  
3 Tourism Initiative. Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this  
4 Act.

5 ➔Section 48. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 6., (5) State Fair  
6 Board Property Improvements, at pages 178 to 179, is amended to read as follows:

7 **(5) State Fair Board Property Improvements:** Notwithstanding any statute to  
8 the contrary, the State Fair Board shall give preference~~[offer a right of first refusal]~~ to  
9 Kentucky businesses ~~\*\*[with which the Board has existing relationships]\*\*~~ ~~[before~~  
10 ~~offering partnership opportunities to other businesses]~~ to make improvements to State  
11 Fair Board properties for hotel development~~[redevelopment]~~. The Board shall  
12 recommend the participation of Kentucky-based businesses ~~\*\*[with which it has existing~~  
13 ~~relationships]\*\*~~ and shall also recommend the participation of other Kentucky-based  
14 businesses offering solutions to accomplish the goal of improving hotel  
15 development~~[redevelopment]~~. For the purposes of this subsection, "Kentucky-based  
16 business" means a business that has employees working in Kentucky and that operates a  
17 principle executive office in Kentucky from which those employees, other offices, and  
18 affiliated entities are directed and controlled.

19 ➔Section 49. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part I, L., 6., (6) Kentucky  
20 Exposition Center Redevelopment Plan - Phase II, at page 179, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 **(6) Kentucky Exposition Center Redevelopment Plan - Phase II:** The General  
23 Assembly recognizes the need to secure the future of Kentucky State Fair Board  
24 properties. To address this need, the project authorization set out in Part II, Capital  
25 Projects Budget, of this Act is contingent on the State Fair Board's submission and  
26 approval by the General Assembly via joint resolution of a comprehensive statewide  
27 proposal regarding improvements to the properties. The proposal shall include the

1 following:

2 (a) Recommendations for private and/or local government partnerships. In  
3 developing its proposal regarding private partnerships, the Board shall give  
4 preference ~~[offer a right of first refusal]~~ to Kentucky-based businesses with which it has  
5 existing relationships and shall also recommend the participation of other Kentucky-  
6 based businesses offering solutions to accomplish the goal of improving Board  
7 properties. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Kentucky-based business" means a  
8 business that has employees working in Kentucky and that operates a principle executive  
9 office in Kentucky from which those employees, other offices, and affiliated entities are  
10 directed and controlled;

11 (b) Detailed financial information regarding return on investment resulting from  
12 partnerships; and

13 (c) A 50 percent match of the state contribution from private and/or local  
14 government partners.

15 The proposal may also include a plan of action regarding disposal of property to  
16 local governments. The State Fair Board shall develop the proposal and present it to the  
17 Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024.

18 ➔Section 50. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part II, I., (1)  
19 Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool, at page 199, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 (1) **Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool:** The Postsecondary  
22 Education Asset Preservation Pool provides funding for individual asset preservation,  
23 renovation, and maintenance projects at Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions in  
24 Education, General, and state-owned and operated residential housing facilities, for fixed  
25 asset pedestrian and student parking areas, and for the razing of university-owned  
26 buildings. For fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, each project for research  
27 institutions shall be matched at 25 percent from funds provided by each research

1 institution. Capital projects as defined in KRS 45.750(1)(f) are hereby authorized from  
2 these funds or combination of funds thereof and shall be reported to the Capital Projects  
3 and Bond Oversight Committee.

4 ➔Section 51. 2024 Regular Session HB 6/VO in Part, Part II, I., 7., 002.  
5 Renew/Renovate Steely Library, at page 205, is amended to read as follows:

6 **002.** Renew/Renovate Landrum Academic Center~~[Steely Library]~~

7	Bond Funds	49,000,000	-0-
8	Other Funds	3,000,000	-0-
9	TOTAL	52,000,000	-0-

10 ➔Section 52. 2024 Regular Session HB 265/VO, Part I, A., 1., (5) Riverport  
11 Improvements, at page 3, is amended to read as follows:

12 **(5) Riverport Improvements:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation  
13 is \$500,000 in each fiscal year to the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust Fund (KRS  
14 174.210)~~[improve public riverports within Kentucky. The Secretary of the Transportation~~  
15 ~~Cabinet, in conjunction with the Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board, shall~~  
16 ~~determine how the funds are distributed].~~ Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of  
17 General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund  
18 Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part I, A., 1., (4)  
19 of this Act.

20 ➔Section 53. 2024 Regular Session HB 265/VO, Part I, A., 8., (6) Vision Testing,  
21 at page 14, is amended to read as follows:

22 **(6) Vision Testing:** Notwithstanding KRS 186.577, prior to January 1, 2025, an  
23 individual applying for ~~renewal of~~ an operator's license renewal or instruction permit  
24 renewal shall not be required to submit to a test of visual acuity and visual field. The  
25 Transportation Cabinet may establish a pilot project to allow for the voluntary vision  
26 testing upon renewal at regional driver licensing offices.

27 ➔Section 54. There is hereby appropriated additional Other Funds in the amount

1 of \$16,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Northern Kentucky University budget unit  
2 for the Expand/Renovate Soccer Complex capital project.

3 ➔Section 55. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., the appropriation in this section  
4 is supported solely by funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705)  
5 and shall not be identified as GF appropriations when certifying the reduction conditions  
6 pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)5. and (d)2. to 5.

7 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
8 Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to  
9 the Department of Highways budget unit to be allocated to the 2024-2026 Biennial  
10 Highway Construction Plan project number 2-1088.52, contingent upon award of a  
11 federal Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant for this project.

12 ➔Section 56. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., the appropriation in this section  
13 is supported solely by funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705)  
14 and shall not be identified as GF appropriations when certifying the reduction conditions  
15 pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)5. and (d)2. to 5.

16 There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust  
17 Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to  
18 the Department of Highways budget unit to be allocated to the 2024-2026 Biennial  
19 Highway Construction Plan project number 10-169.10, contingent upon award of a  
20 federal Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant for this project.

21 ➔Section 57. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
22 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
23 amount of \$2,969,200 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$3,956,800 in fiscal year 2025-2026  
24 to the Public Health budget unit to support the costs of workforce and operations for the  
25 local health departments.

26 ➔Section 58. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
27 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the

1 amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
2 budget unit to be distributed to the Lee County Fiscal Court to support a public safety  
3 initiative.

4 ➔Section 59. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
5 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
6 amount of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Attorney General budget unit to  
7 create an electric reliability defense program.

8 ➔Section 60. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
9 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
10 amount of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Council on Postsecondary Education  
11 budget unit to support a grant match for the National Stem Cell Foundation.

12 ➔Section 61. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
13 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a  
14 one-time allocation in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year to the University of  
15 Kentucky budget unit to support cancer research at the Markey Cancer Center, including  
16 but not limited to ovarian cancer research.

17 ➔Section 62. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
18 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
19 amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
20 budget unit to be distributed to the Carlisle County Fiscal Court to support the Carlisle  
21 County Water District in providing water treatment and water lines to schools in the  
22 county.

23 ➔Section 63. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
24 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
25 amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
26 budget unit to be distributed to the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District to support a capital  
27 construction project.

1           ➔Section 64. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
2 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
3 amount of \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department of Agriculture budget  
4 unit to support economic development initiatives within the agriculture industry. The  
5 funding is contingent on the Commissioner of Agriculture’s submission and approval by  
6 the General Assembly via joint resolution of a comprehensive proposal regarding  
7 agriculture economic development initiatives. The proposal shall be submitted to the  
8 Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024.

9           ➔Section 65. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
10 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a  
11 one-time allocation in the amount of \$905,800 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$1,596,800  
12 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Justice Administration budget unit to support the loss of  
13 federal funds for the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) funding programs.

14           ➔Section 66. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
15 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
16 amount of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department for Local Government  
17 budget unit to be distributed to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to support sewer  
18 compliance for the City of Whitesville.

19           ➔Section 67. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
20 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
21 amount of \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department for Local Government  
22 budget unit to be distributed to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to support water project  
23 cost overruns. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry  
24 forward.

25           ➔Section 68. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
26 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
27 amount of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Department for Local Government

1 budget unit to be distributed to the Union County Fiscal Court to support water line  
2 installation and repairs for the City of Sturgis.

3 ➔Section 69. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
4 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
5 amount of \$800,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
6 budget unit to support a statewide comprehensive plan for water management services  
7 provided by the Area Development Districts and maintenance of the Water Resource  
8 Information System.

9 ➔Section 70. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
10 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) as a  
11 one-time allocation in the amount of \$600,000 in each fiscal year to the Behavioral  
12 Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities budget unit to support direct services  
13 provided to clients by The Healing Place.

14 ➔Section 71. Pursuant to KRS 141.020(2)(a)2.d., there is hereby appropriated  
15 General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the  
16 amount of \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Economic Development budget unit to  
17 support approved mega-development projects of at least \$10,000,000, with an exception  
18 for certain economic development projects as recommended by the Cabinet based on  
19 unique conditions of the county where the project may occur, including but not limited to  
20 the population, per capita income, or county wages that are lower than the median for the  
21 state. The funds may be used to provide loans with the ability for forgiveness upon  
22 approval by the Secretary to support infrastructure and access to power. The Cabinet shall  
23 develop the terms and conditions of the loans and shall include requirements related to  
24 increased economic development.

25 ➔Section 72. Notwithstanding KRS 39A.303(6), from the appropriation set out in  
26 2022 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 1, sec. 6, there is hereby appropriated Restricted  
27 Funds from the East Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (EKSAFE) Fund

1 established in KRS 39A.303 in the amount of \$28,725,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the  
2 Military Affairs budget unit to be used for the advancement of moneys to city and county  
3 governments experiencing strained fiscal liquidity while awaiting reimbursement from  
4 federal emergency management assistance or insurance claims related to the impact of  
5 the Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster, designated FEMA-4663-DR.

6       ➔Section 73. If a recipient of moneys from the East Kentucky State Aid Funding  
7 for Emergencies (EKSAFE) Fund under Section 72 of this Act subsequently receives  
8 moneys from any other source, the recipient shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the  
9 amount of moneys received from the EKSAFE Fund. All moneys reimbursed to the  
10 Commonwealth shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account  
11 established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days. The moneys appropriated in Section 72 of this  
12 Act shall not lapse and shall carry forward until June 30, 2026. If the moneys are not  
13 encumbered by June 30, 2026, the moneys shall be returned to the Commonwealth and  
14 shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705  
15 within 30 days.

16       \*\*[➔Section 74. Notwithstanding KRS 45.255(8), there is hereby appropriated  
17 Restricted Funds from the Kentucky Contribution Trust Fund established in KRS 45.255  
18 in the amount of \$7,227,500 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Military Affairs budget unit  
19 to be used for the advancement of moneys to city and county governments experiencing  
20 strained fiscal liquidity while awaiting reimbursement from federal emergency  
21 management assistance or insurance claims related to the impact of the Presidential  
22 Declaration of a Major Disaster, designated FEMA-4663-DR.]\*\*

23       ➔Section 75. If a recipient of moneys from the Kentucky Contribution Trust  
24 Fund under Section 74 of this Act subsequently receives moneys from any other source,  
25 the recipient shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the amount of the moneys received  
26 from the Kentucky Contribution Trust Fund. All moneys reimbursed to the  
27 Commonwealth shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account

1 established in KRS 48.705 within 30 days. The moneys appropriated in Section 74 of this  
2 Act shall not lapse and shall carry forward until June 30, 2026. If the moneys are not  
3 encumbered by June 30, 2026, the moneys shall be returned to the Commonwealth and  
4 shall be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account established in KRS 48.705  
5 within 30 days.

6 →Section 76. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall submit a report to  
7 the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2024,  
8 detailing all programs administered by the Council. The report shall include a description  
9 of each program, program expenditures, and statutory references if applicable.

10 →Section 77. A local governmental agency may request participation in a  
11 governmental services program through the Department of Corrections to provide  
12 inmates the opportunity to learn job skills. At the discretion of the warden of the facility,  
13 the local government shall be responsible for all costs, including but not limited to  
14 supervision, transportation, training, and meals but shall not be required to pay labor  
15 costs.

16 →Section 78. KRS 45A.100 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Procurements may be made in accordance with small purchase administrative  
18 regulations promulgated by the secretary of the Finance and Administration  
19 Cabinet, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, as follows:

20 (a) Up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per project for construction and one  
21 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for purchases by any state governmental body,  
22 except for those state administrative bodies specified in paragraph (b) of this  
23 subsection; and

24 (b) Up to one hundred~~forty~~ thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~(\$40,000)~~ per project  
25 for construction or purchases by the Finance and Administration Cabinet,  
26 state institutions of higher education, and the legislative branch of  
27 government.

1 (2) Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small  
2 purchase under this section. Reverse auctions may be used for small purchase  
3 procurements. At least every two (2) years, the secretary shall review the prevailing  
4 costs of labor and materials and may make recommendations to the next regular  
5 session of the General Assembly for the revision of the then current maximum  
6 small purchase amount as justified by intervening changes in the cost of labor and  
7 materials.

8 (3) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet may grant to any state  
9 agency with a justifiable need a delegation of small purchasing authority which  
10 exceeds the agency's small purchase limit provided in subsection (1) of this section.  
11 Delegations of small purchasing authority shall be granted or revoked by the  
12 secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, in accordance with  
13 administrative regulations promulgated by the cabinet pursuant to KRS Chapter  
14 13A. These administrative regulations shall establish, at a minimum, the criteria for  
15 granting and revoking delegations of small purchasing authority, including the  
16 requesting agency's past compliance with purchasing regulations, the level of  
17 training of the agency's purchasing staff, and the extent to which the agency utilizes  
18 the Kentucky Automated Purchasing System. The administrative regulations may  
19 permit the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to delegate small  
20 purchase procurements up to the maximum amount specified in subsection (1)(b) of  
21 this section.

22 ➔Section 79. KRS 45A.190 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) As used in this section, "agency contract administrator" means the state agency  
24 employee responsible for the administration of a contract.

25 (2) When a construction contract is awarded in an amount in excess of one  
26 hundred~~forty~~ thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~(\$40,000)~~, the following bonds shall  
27 be furnished to the Commonwealth, and shall be binding on the parties upon the

1 award of the contract:

2 (a) A performance bond satisfactory to the Commonwealth executed by a surety  
3 company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, or otherwise  
4 supplied, satisfactory to the Commonwealth, in an amount equal to one  
5 hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as it may be increased; and

6 (b) A payment bond satisfactory to the Commonwealth executed by a surety  
7 company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, or otherwise  
8 supplied, satisfactory to the Commonwealth, for the protection of all persons  
9 supplying labor and material to the contractor or his subcontractors, for the  
10 performance of the work provided for in the contract. The bond shall be in an  
11 amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the original contract price.

12 (3) When any contract in an amount in excess of one hundred~~forty~~ thousand dollars  
13 (\$100,000)~~(\$40,000)~~ for commodities, supplies, equipment, or services of any  
14 kind, or when a contract for construction services costing one hundred~~forty~~  
15 thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~(\$40,000)~~ or less is proposed for presentation to  
16 vendors or contractors, the agency contract administrator shall evaluate whether a  
17 performance bond should be required in the procurement document, and make his  
18 recommendation to the purchasing agency. The agency contract administrator shall  
19 note the reason that a performance bond is or is not recommended and his notation  
20 shall be a part of the permanent record relating to the contract. If a performance  
21 bond is required, the requirement shall be included in the invitation to bid, request  
22 for proposal, or other procurement document. The agency contract administrator  
23 shall make audits of the performance of contracts upon completion of one-third  
24 (1/3) of the contract and upon completion of two-thirds (2/3) of the contract. For  
25 contracts taking longer than one (1) year to complete, audits of performance shall  
26 be conducted at least annually. Before a vendor is released from a performance  
27 bond, the agency contract administrator shall review the audits of performance,

1 make a final performance review, and promptly determine whether, in his or her  
2 opinion, the vendor has fully complied with the terms of the contract. The opinion  
3 of the agency contract administrator shall be made in writing or electronically, set  
4 forth the reasons for his or her opinion regarding compliance or noncompliance,  
5 and be signed by the agency contract administrator. This opinion may have an  
6 electronic signature. The using agency head shall, after consideration of the  
7 performance audits, the final performance review, and the opinion of the agency  
8 contract administrator regarding compliance or noncompliance, determine whether  
9 to recommend to the purchasing agency that the performance bond be released or  
10 whether a claim should be made against the performance bond. This determination  
11 of the using agency head shall be in writing, signed by the using agency head, and  
12 forwarded to the purchasing agency. This determination may have an electronic  
13 signature and be transmitted electronically. If the recommendation of the using  
14 agency is not followed by the purchasing agency, the purchasing agency shall place  
15 a statement in the file explaining why it is not followed.

16 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the  
17 Commonwealth to require a performance bond or other security in addition to those  
18 bonds, or in circumstances other than specified in subsection (2) or (3) of this  
19 section.

20 ➔Section 80. KRS 56.491 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) No state agency shall have power or authority to make plans and specifications,  
22 provide public notice of invitations for bids, let contracts, or incur any financing  
23 commitments, either in the way of a charge against public funds or in the way of  
24 negotiations for issuance of revenue bonds, for any capital construction projects  
25 involving the improvement of lands or the construction, alteration, reconstruction,  
26 or major repair of any building or other structure, or sewage disposal or water  
27 supply system, requiring the expenditure of more than five~~two~~ hundred ~~fifty~~

1 thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~(\$250,000)~~ without first securing the approval of the  
2 Finance and Administration Cabinet.

3 (2) The state agency seeking the approval shall submit to the Finance and  
4 Administration Cabinet a general description of the proposed project, with the  
5 detailed information the cabinet may require. Review of construction plans for  
6 conformance with the Uniform State Building Code shall be conducted by the  
7 Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. The Finance and  
8 Administration Cabinet shall not approve any project requiring its approval in any  
9 instance if it finds that: the project is not needed; the proposed method of financing  
10 is not sound; the project will exceed the amount of the funds available therefor; the  
11 work contemplated will be insufficient to accomplish the purpose of the project; or  
12 after providing for the ordinary recurring expenses of government and debt service  
13 and for payments under existing allotments for extraordinary expenses and capital  
14 outlay, cash will not be available in the State Treasury to promptly pay for the work  
15 during the biennium, or except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, that the  
16 work is to be done by employees of the agency.

17 (3) The finding of the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall be final, except in  
18 cases where the issuance and sale of bonds is proposed, in which cases the cabinet  
19 shall submit its findings to the commission for final approval, modification, or  
20 disapproval.

21 (4) Any capital construction project, the total cost of completion of which the Finance  
22 and Administration Cabinet determines will exceed five~~two~~ hundred ~~fifty~~  
23 thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~(\$250,000)~~, shall be contracted for on a competitive  
24 bid basis, and the execution of the contracts shall be approved and authorized by the  
25 cabinet. When a capital construction project has been approved as provided in this  
26 section, in whole or in part, the cabinet shall prepare the plans and specifications,  
27 provide public notice of invitations for bids, award the contracts, supervise the

1 construction, and handle the financial negotiations on behalf of the requesting state  
2 agency; or with prior written approval, the cabinet may authorize a state agency to  
3 do so with delegated authority of the cabinet.

4 (5) A capital construction project, the total cost of completion of which the Finance and  
5 Administration Cabinet determines will not exceed five~~two~~ hundred~~—fifty~~  
6 thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~(\$250,000)~~, may be performed by the employees of  
7 the requesting agency or by individuals hired specifically for the project who shall  
8 be exempt from the requirements of KRS Chapter 18A, if the project is approved  
9 and authorized by the cabinet. Necessary materials and supplies shall be procured in  
10 accordance with the standard purchasing procedures and policies of the cabinet as  
11 defined in KRS Chapter 45A.

12 (6) This section shall not apply to capital outlays to the Department of Highways for  
13 roads and bridges.

14 (7) This section shall not apply to capital outlays by the Justice and Public Safety  
15 Cabinet for repair, maintenance, improvement, or expansion of present correctional  
16 facilities on which projects inmates are used. Any capital construction project to be  
17 performed by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall be approved and  
18 authorized by the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

19 (8) This section shall not apply to surveys capable of being performed by employees of  
20 the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Boundary surveys or surveys  
21 involving property lines shall be performed by or under the supervision of an  
22 employee possessing a professional land surveyor license.

23 ➔Section 81. Whereas the provisions of this Act provide ongoing support for  
24 state government agencies and their functions, an emergency is declared to exist, and this  
25 Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise  
26 becoming a law.