

1 AN ACT relating to the allocation of severance tax revenues to local governments.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 42.450 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a fund entitled "Local Government  
5 Economic Assistance Fund." The fund may receive state appropriations, gifts,  
6 grants, and federal funds and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer upon the  
7 warrant of the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Any unallotted  
8 or unencumbered balances in the fund shall be invested pursuant to KRS 42.500  
9 and the income earned from the investment shall be prorated for expenditure in coal  
10 producing and coal impact counties according to each county's allocable part in the  
11 fund.

12 (2) ~~[Effective July 1, 1981, ]~~An amount equal to ***the applicable percentage*** ~~[one-half~~  
13 ~~(1/2)]~~ of the ***severance and processing taxes on*** ~~[tax collected annually on the sale~~  
14 ~~of]~~ minerals, exclusive of coal, ***collected annually*** shall be transferred from the  
15 general fund into this fund, ***as follows:***

16 ***(a) For fiscal years beginning before July 1, 2018, fifty percent (50%) of the***  
17 ***taxes collected;***

18 ***(b) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, sixty percent (60%) of the***  
19 ***taxes collected;***

20 ***(c) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, seventy percent (70%) of the***  
21 ***taxes collected;***

22 ***(d) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, eighty percent (80%) of the***  
23 ***taxes collected;***

24 ***(e) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, ninety percent (90%) of the***  
25 ***taxes collected; and***

26 ***(f) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, one hundred percent***  
27 ***(100%) of the taxes collected.***

1 The transfers shall be made quarterly, based upon the revenue estimates prevailing  
 2 at the time each quarterly transfer is due, except that the last quarterly transfer shall  
 3 be made after the close of the fiscal year accounting records, and shall be adjusted  
 4 to provide the balance of the annual transfer required by this subsection.

5 (3) ~~[Effective October 1, 2010, ]~~The quarterly transfer of funds required by subsection  
 6 (2) of this section shall be made only after the quarterly installment of the annual  
 7 amount from the prior calendar year allowed as an incentive to an approved  
 8 company under KRS 143A.025 and 154.27-060 has been made.

9 ➔Section 2. KRS 42.4582 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a fund entitled "Local Government  
 11 Economic Development Fund." The fund may receive state appropriations, gifts,  
 12 grants, and federal funds and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer upon the  
 13 warrant of the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Any unallotted  
 14 or unencumbered balances in the fund shall be invested as provided for in KRS  
 15 42.500(9). Income earned from the investments shall be prorated for grants to  
 16 counties according to the allotment schedule set out in KRS 42.4592.

17 (2) (a) Moneys shall be transferred from the general fund ***into this fund*** in an amount  
 18 equal to ***the applicable percentage***~~[fifty percent (50%)]~~ of the severance and  
 19 processing taxes on coal collected annually, ***as follows:***

20 ***1. For fiscal years beginning before July 1, 2018, fifty percent (50%) of***  
 21 ***the taxes collected;***

22 ***2. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, sixty percent (60%) of***  
 23 ***the taxes collected;***

24 ***3. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, seventy percent (70%)***  
 25 ***of the taxes collected;***

26 ***4. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, eighty percent (80%) of***  
 27 ***the taxes collected;***

1            5. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, ninety percent (90%) of  
 2            the taxes collected; and

3            6. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, one hundred  
 4            percent (100%) of the taxes collected~~unless otherwise amended by the~~  
 5            ~~budget bill~~.

6            (b) The transfers shall be made quarterly, based upon the revenue estimates  
 7            prevailing at the time each quarterly transfer is due. Each quarterly transfer  
 8            shall be adjusted to account for refunds by determining the total amount of  
 9            refunds paid in the prior fiscal year, dividing that amount by four (4), and  
 10            reducing each transfer by this amount. The last quarterly transfer shall be  
 11            made after the close of the fiscal year accounting records, and shall be  
 12            adjusted to provide the balance of the annual transfer required by this  
 13            subsection.

14            (c) The quarterly calculation and transfer of funds pursuant to this section shall be  
 15            made only after distribution of the quarterly installment of the annual amount  
 16            from the prior calendar year allowed as an incentive to an approved company  
 17            under KRS 143.024 and 154.27-060.

18            ➔Section 3. KRS 42.4585 is amended to read as follows:

19            (1) A portion of each quarterly transfer of moneys provided for in KRS 42.4582 shall  
 20            be transferred from the local government economic development fund into the local  
 21            government economic assistance fund, in amounts equal to the applicable  
 22            percentage of severance and processing taxes on coal collected annually, as  
 23            follows:

24            (a) For fiscal years beginning before July 1, 2018, fifteen percent (15%) of the  
 25            taxes collected;

26            (b) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, twenty percent (20%) of the  
 27            taxes collected;

1 (c) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, twenty-five percent (25%) of  
2 the taxes collected;

3 (d) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, thirty percent (30%) of the  
4 taxes collected;

5 (e) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, thirty-five percent (35%) of  
6 the taxes collected; and

7 (f) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, forty percent (40%) of  
8 the taxes collected.

9 ~~(2) The amount transferred annually from the local government economic development~~  
10 ~~fund into the local government economic assistance fund under the provisions of~~  
11 ~~subsection (1) of this section shall be not less than an amount equal to fifteen~~  
12 ~~percent (15%) of the severance and processing taxes on coal collected annually.~~

13 ~~(3) The quarterly calculation and transfer of funds pursuant to subsections (1) and (2)~~  
14 ~~of this section shall be made only after distribution of the quarterly installment of~~  
15 ~~the annual amount from the prior calendar year allowed as an incentive to an~~  
16 ~~approved company under KRS 143.024 and 154.27-060.~~