

1 AN ACT relating to fiscal matters providing funding for education initiatives,  
2 making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
5 \$44,406,200 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$266,437,300 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the  
6 SEEK budget unit within the Department of Education for a salary supplement for all  
7 full-time school district employees. All certified and classified employees employed by a  
8 public school district or a model and practice school established under KRS 164.380 shall  
9 receive a five percent annual salary supplement on May 1, 2023.

10 An eligible certified or classified employee employed by a public school district or  
11 a model and practice school established under KRS 164.380 shall receive the value of the  
12 fiscal year 2022-2023 salary supplement of five percent so long as the employee remains  
13 eligible. "Eligible certified and classified employee" means a full-time employee of a  
14 public school district or a model and practice school established under KRS 164.380 on  
15 or before May 1, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year. Eligibility shall continue so long  
16 as the employee remains an employee of a public school district or a model and practice  
17 school established under KRS 164.380. The salary supplement shall be added to the  
18 eligible certified employee's base salary on the local board's single salary schedule and  
19 shall be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Kentucky Teachers'  
20 Retirement System. The salary supplement shall be added to the eligible classified  
21 employee's base pay and shall be considered in the calculation for contributions to the  
22 County Employees' Retirement System. A local board of education shall request  
23 reimbursement from the Department of Education for these purposes from funds  
24 appropriated for this purpose. The Department of Education shall develop policies for the  
25 distribution of the reimbursements and to track the eligible certified employees and  
26 reimbursement requests from public school districts or a model and practice school  
27 established under KRS 164.380.

1           ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
2 \$172,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit  
3 within the Department of Education to provide for universal preschool for all four-year-  
4 olds.

5           ➔Section 3. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
6 \$11,927,700 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit  
7 within the Department of Education to provide funding for professional development.

8           ➔Section 4. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
9 \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit  
10 within the Department of Education for textbooks and instructional resources.

11           ➔Section 5. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of  
12 \$6,215,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit  
13 within the Department of Education to address social emotional learning and mental  
14 health for students and school staff.

15           ➔Section 6. There is hereby appropriated Restricted Funds from the KEES  
16 Program Reserve Account's excess lottery receipts in the amount of \$26,334,800 in fiscal  
17 year 2023-2024 to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to provide a  
18 student loan forgiveness program for teachers certified by the Kentucky Education  
19 Professional Standards Board and employed by Kentucky public schools. The Kentucky  
20 Higher Education Assistance Authority, in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of  
21 Education, shall establish the terms and conditions for the program. Notwithstanding  
22 KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward.

23           ➔Section 7. Whereas funding for education initiatives is imperative for the  
24 betterment of the Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes  
25 effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a  
26 law.