1   AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Cybersecurity Center.

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

3   ➔SECTION 1.   A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO

4   READ AS FOLLOWS:

5   *(1)   The General Assembly hereby finds that there is a growing threat of cyberattacks*

6   *across Kentucky. There is a need to address this threat by bringing together*

7   *public and private partners for workforce development, research, innovation, and*

8   *economic development. The National Security Agency, the United States*

9   *Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Department of Defense*

10   *have made significant investments in cybersecurity research, workforce training,*

11   *and education at the University of Louisville.*

12   *(2)   There is hereby created and established the Kentucky Cybersecurity Center within*

13   *the University of Louisville. For purposes of this Act, the Kentucky Cybersecurity*

14   *Center shall be known as "KentuckyCYBER." The University of Louisville shall*

15   *have the authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend funds, and operate*

16   *the normal business activities of KentuckyCYBER.*

17   *(3)   It shall be the purpose of KentuckyCYBER to:*

18   *(a)   Facilitate cooperation among universities, primary education facilities, and*

19   *businesses to create a secure cyberinfrastructure;*

20   *(b)   Educate state and local agencies and private sector participants about how*

21   *to maintain secure cyberinfrastructure; and*

22   *(c)   Accelerate the adoption of cybersecurity systems in the Commonwealth by*

23   *combining the assets of higher education, state and federal agencies, and*

24   *private companies.*

25   *(4)   The duties of KentuckyCYBER shall include but not be limited to:*

26   *(a)   Train and upskill a workforce to provide cybersecurity solutions for*

27   *Kentucky businesses, state and local government, and federal, state, and*

1   *local law enforcement;*

2   *(b)   Provide cybersecurity resources, including but not limited to cyber ranges*

3   *and incident response teams, to assist state and local government, major*

4   *economic sectors including healthcare and manufacturing, and critical*

5   *infrastructure systems operators throughout Kentucky;*

6   *(c)   Enhance economic development through cybersecurity initiatives that serve*

7   *major economic sectors of Kentucky;*

8   *(d)   Create a cyber-innovation ecosystem for state and federal government, law*

9   *enforcement, the private sector, and K-12 and higher education institutions*

10   *to innovate rapidly and strengthen Kentucky's cybersecurity defenses with a*

11   *qualified workforce;*

12   *(e)   Establish a cybersecurity research center and provide support to build the*

13   *research capacity necessary to successfully compete for projects funded by*

14   *the federal government and private industry participants; and*

15   *(f)   Provide nonpartisan cybersecurity advice and recommendations to*

16   *Kentucky policymakers.*

17 *(5)   Nothing in this section shall require any entity to cooperate with*

18   *KentuckyCYBER in carrying out the provisions of this section.*

19 *(6)   There is hereby created a trust and revolving fund to be known as the*

20   *KentuckyCYBER fund. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the*

21   *General Assembly, contributions, gifts, or grants made available for the purposes*

22   *set forth in this section, which shall be excluded from the comprehensive funding*

23   *model established in KRS 164.092.*

24 *(7)   The fund shall be administered by the University of Louisville or its designated*

25   *department.*

26 *(8)   Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the close of*

27   *the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

1   *(9)   Any interest earnings of the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall not*

2   *lapse.*

3   *(10) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth*

4   *in this section and shall not be appropriated or transferred by the General*

5   *Assembly for any other purpose.*