

1 AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. KRS 162.060 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED TO READ
4 AS FOLLOWS:

5 *Each local board of education shall submit all plans and specifications for new public*
6 *school buildings and all additions to or alterations of old buildings to the chief state*
7 *school officer, but no approval shall be required for a local board to commence the*
8 *design, construction, renovation, or modification of the district's facilities. The*
9 *Kentucky Department of Education shall not require a local board to seek approval for*
10 *the plans or specifications, but may require the local board to complete specific forms*
11 *as appropriate for the purposes of recordkeeping and data collection.*

12 ➔Section 2. KRS 156.160 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) With the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, the Kentucky
14 Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing
15 standards which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and
16 operational performance. These regulations shall comply with the expected
17 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Administrative
18 regulations shall be promulgated for the following:

19 (a) Courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools
20 identifying the common curriculum content directly tied to the goals,
21 outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645,
22 158.6451, and 158.6453 and distributed to local school districts and schools.

23 The administrative regulations shall provide that:

- 24 1. If a school offers American sign language, the course shall be accepted
25 as meeting the foreign language requirements in common schools
26 notwithstanding other provisions of law;
27 2. If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the

- 1 course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement
2 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law; and
- 3 3. Every public middle and high school's curriculum shall include
4 instruction on the Holocaust and other cases of genocide, as defined by
5 the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the
6 Crime of Genocide, that a court of competent jurisdiction, whether a
7 court in the United States or the International Court of Justice, has
8 determined to have been committed by applying rigorous standards of
9 due process;
- 10 (b) Courses of study or educational experiences available to students in all middle
11 and high schools to fulfill the prerequisites for courses in advanced science
12 and mathematics as defined in KRS 158.845;
- 13 (c) The acquisition and use of educational equipment for the schools as
14 recommended by the Council for Education Technology;
- 15 (d) The minimum requirements for high school graduation in light of the
16 expected outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. The
17 minimum requirements shall not include achieving any postsecondary
18 readiness indicator as described in KRS 158.6455 or any minimum score on a
19 statewide assessment administered under KRS 158.6453. Student scores from
20 any assessment administered under KRS 158.6453 that are determined by the
21 department's technical advisory committee to be valid and reliable at the
22 individual level shall be included on the student transcript. The department's
23 technical advisory committee shall submit its determination to the
24 commissioner of education and the Legislative Research Commission;
- 25 (e) The requirements for an alternative high school diploma for students with
26 disabilities whose individualized education program indicates that, in
27 accordance with 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414(d)(1)(A):

- 1 1. The student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessment; and
- 2 2. An appropriate alternate assessment has been selected for the student
- 3 based upon a modified curriculum and an individualized course of
- 4 study;
- 5 (f) Taking and keeping a school census, and the forms, blanks, and software to be
- 6 used in taking and keeping the census and in compiling the required reports.
- 7 The board shall create a statewide student identification numbering system
- 8 based on students' Social Security numbers. The system shall provide a
- 9 student identification number similar to, but distinct from, the Social Security
- 10 number, for each student who does not have a Social Security number or
- 11 whose parents or guardians choose not to disclose the Social Security number
- 12 for the student;
- 13 (g) Sanitary and protective construction of public school buildings, toilets,
- 14 physical equipment of school grounds, school buildings, and classrooms. With
- 15 respect to physical standards of sanitary and protective construction for school
- 16 buildings, the Kentucky Board of Education shall adopt the Uniform State
- 17 Building Code;
- 18 (h) Medical inspection, physical and health education and recreation, and other
- 19 regulations necessary or advisable for the protection of the physical welfare
- 20 and safety of the public school children. The administrative regulations shall
- 21 set requirements for student health standards to be met by all students in
- 22 grades four (4), eight (8), and twelve (12) pursuant to the outcomes described
- 23 in KRS 158.6451. The administrative regulations shall permit a student who
- 24 received a physical examination no more than six (6) months prior to his or
- 25 her initial admission to Head Start to substitute that physical examination for
- 26 the physical examination required by the Kentucky Board of Education of all
- 27 students upon initial admission to the public schools, if the physical

- 1 examination given in the Head Start program meets all the requirements of the
2 physical examinations prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education;
- 3 (i) A vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist that shall be
4 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative regulations
5 shall require evidence that a vision examination that meets the criteria
6 prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education has been performed. This
7 evidence shall be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first
8 year that a three (3), four (4), five (5), or six (6) year-old child is enrolled in a
9 public school, public preschool, or Head Start program;
- 10 (j) 1. ~~Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year,~~ A dental screening or
11 examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse,
12 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant that shall be
13 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative
14 regulations shall require evidence that a dental screening or examination
15 that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education
16 has been performed. This evidence shall be submitted to the school no
17 later than January 1 of the first year that a five (5) or six (6) year-old
18 child is enrolled in a public school.
- 19 2. A child shall be referred to a licensed dentist if a dental screening or
20 examination performed by anyone other than a licensed dentist identifies
21 the possibility of dental disease;
- 22 (k) The transportation of children to and from school;
- 23 (l) The fixing of holidays on which schools may be closed and special days to be
24 observed, and the pay of teachers during absence because of sickness or
25 quarantine or when the schools are closed because of quarantine;
- 26 (m) The preparation of budgets and salary schedules for the several school
27 districts under the management and control of the Kentucky Board of

1 Education;

2 (n) A uniform series of forms and blanks, educational and financial, including
3 forms of contracts, for use in the several school districts;

4 (o) The ***purchase and*** disposal of real and personal property owned by local
5 boards of education. ***An administrative regulation shall require prior***
6 ***approval for a school district's purchase or disposal of real property. The***
7 ***local board of education shall submit a request to purchase or dispose of***
8 ***real property to the commissioner of education or designee. The***
9 ***commissioner of education or designee shall approve or disapprove the***
10 ***request within thirty (30) days of submission. An approval shall be reported***
11 ***to the Kentucky Board of Education. A local board of education may appeal***
12 ***a disapproval to the Kentucky Board of Education at the next regular***
13 ***meeting***; and

14 (p) The development and implementation of procedures, for all students who are
15 homeless children and youths as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 11434a(2), to do
16 the following:

- 17 1. Awarding and accepting of credit, including partial credit, for all
18 coursework satisfactorily completed by a student while enrolled at
19 another school;
- 20 2. Allowing a student who was previously enrolled in a course required for
21 graduation the opportunity, to the extent practicable, to complete the
22 course, at no cost to the student, before the beginning of the next school
23 year;
- 24 3. Awarding a diploma, at the student's request, by a district from which
25 the student transferred, if the student transfers schools at any time after
26 the completion of the student's second year of high school and the
27 student is ineligible to graduate from the district to which the student

1 transfers, but meets the graduation requirements of the district from
2 which the student transferred; and

3 4. Exempting the student from all coursework and other requirements
4 imposed by the local board of education that are in addition to the
5 minimum requirements for high school graduation established by the
6 Kentucky Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (d) of this
7 subsection in the district to which the student transfers, if the student
8 transfers schools at any time after the completion of the student's second
9 year of high school and the student is ineligible to graduate both from
10 the district to which the student transfers and the district from which the
11 student transferred.

12 (2) (a) At the request of a local board of education or a school council, a local school
13 district superintendent shall request that the Kentucky Board of Education
14 waive any administrative regulation promulgated by that board. Beginning in
15 the 1996-97 school year, a request for waiver of any administrative regulation
16 shall be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education in writing with
17 appropriate justification for the waiver. The Kentucky Board of Education
18 may approve the request when the school district or school has demonstrated
19 circumstances that may include but are not limited to the following:

- 20 1. An alternative approach will achieve the same result required by the
21 administrative regulation;
- 22 2. Implementation of the administrative regulation will cause a hardship on
23 the school district or school or jeopardize the continuation or
24 development of programs; or
- 25 3. There is a finding of good cause for the waiver.

26 (b) The following shall not be subject to waiver:

- 27 1. Administrative regulations relating to health and safety;

- 1 2. Administrative regulations relating to civil rights;
- 2 3. Administrative regulations required by federal law; and
- 3 4. Administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with KRS
- 4 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, and this section, relating to measurement
- 5 of performance outcomes and determination of successful districts or
- 6 schools, except upon issues relating to the grade configuration of
- 7 schools.

8 (c) Any waiver granted under this subsection shall be subject to revocation upon

9 a determination by the Kentucky Board of Education that the school district or

10 school holding the waiver has subsequently failed to meet the intent of the

11 waiver.

12 (3) Any private, parochial, or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum,

13 certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of

14 Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.

15 (4) Any public school that violates the provisions of KRS 158.854 shall be subject to a

16 penalty to be assessed by the commissioner of education as follows:

17 (a) The first violation shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) week's revenue

18 from the sale of the competitive food;

19 (b) Subsequent violations shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) month's

20 revenue from the sale of the competitive food;

21 (c) "Habitual violations," which means five (5) or more violations within a six (6)

22 month period, shall result in a six (6) month ban on competitive food sales for

23 the violating school; and

24 (d) Revenue collected as a result of the fines in this subsection shall be

25 transferred to the food service fund of the local school district.

26 ➔Section 3. KRS 157.420 is amended to read as follows:

27 Public school funds made available to the credit of each district during any year shall be

1 received, held, and expended by the district board, subject to the provisions of law and
2 administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education. The following
3 restrictions shall govern the expenditure of funds from the public school fund:

4 (1) The salary paid any rank of teachers shall be at least equivalent to the amount set
5 forth in the biennial budget schedule for each rank and experience for a term of one
6 hundred eighty-five (185) days for full-time service during the regular school year.

7 (2) Beginning with the 2004-2006 biennium, the Kentucky Board of Education shall
8 not approve any working budget or salary schedule for local boards of education for
9 any school year unless the one hundred eighty-five (185) day salary schedule for
10 certified staff has been adjusted over the previous year's salary schedule by a
11 percentage increase at least equal to the cost-of-living adjustment that is provided
12 state government workers under the biennial budget. The base funding level in the
13 program for support education excellence in Kentucky as defined in KRS 157.320
14 shall be increased by the statewide dollar value of the annual required cost-of-living
15 percentage adjustment that shall be estimated on the sum of the previous year's
16 statewide teachers' salaries.

17 (3) A district that compensates its teachers or employees for unused sick leave at the
18 time of retirement, pursuant to KRS 161.155, may create an escrow account to
19 maintain the amount of funds necessary to pay teachers or employees who qualify
20 for receipt of the benefit. The fund is limited to not more than fifty percent (50%) of
21 the maximum liability for the current year to be determined according to the
22 number of staff employed by the district on September 15. Interest generated by the
23 account shall be calculated as part of the total amount. The funds shall not be used
24 for any purpose other than compensation for unused sick leave at the time of
25 retirement and shall not be considered as part of the general fund balance in
26 determining available local revenue for purposes of KRS 157.620.

27 (4) (a) The per pupil capital outlay allotment for each district from the public school

1 fund and from local sources shall be kept in a separate account and may be
2 used by the district only for capital outlay projects~~[approved by the~~
3 ~~commissioner of education in accordance with requirements of law, and]~~
4 based on the district facilities plan~~[a survey]~~ made in accordance with
5 administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education. These funds
6 shall be used for the following capital outlay purposes:

- 7 1. For direct payment of construction costs;
- 8 2. For debt service on voted and funding bonds;
- 9 3. For payment or lease-rental agreements under which the board
10 eventually will acquire ownership of a school plant;
- 11 4. For the retirement of any deficit resulting from overexpenditure for
12 capital construction, if such deficit resulted from an emergency declared
13 by the Kentucky Board of Education under KRS 160.550; and
- 14 5. As a reserve fund for the above-named purposes, to be carried forward
15 in ensuing budgets.

16 (b) A district may ~~[submit a request to the commissioner of education to]~~ use
17 funds from the per pupil capital outlay allotment to purchase land for a new
18 school or to modify an existing school if the project is included on the
19 approved district facilities~~[facility]~~ plan for completion within eight (8) years.
20 The land shall not be included in the calculation of the school district's unmet
21 need.~~[The commissioner may grant or deny the district's request at his or her~~
22 ~~discretion.]~~

23 (c) A district which has experienced an increase in adjusted average daily
24 attendance, as defined by administrative regulation, of twenty percent (20%)
25 or more over a five (5) year period may submit a request to the commissioner
26 of education to use capital outlay funds for the operation of a new school for
27 the first two (2) years following its opening. The commissioner may grant or

1 deny the district's request at his or her discretion.

2 (d) A local school district may submit a request to the commissioner of education
3 to use capital outlay funds for maintenance expenditures or for the purchase of
4 property insurance without forfeiting the district's participation in the School
5 Facilities Construction Commission program. Maintenance requests may
6 include other priorities that are not considered major renovations, such as
7 repair, renovation, or system upgrades that are necessary to maintain the
8 integrity of an existing school facility.

9 (5) The district may contribute capital outlay funds for energy conservation measures
10 under guaranteed energy savings contracts pursuant to KRS 45A.345, 45A.352, and
11 45A.353. Use of these funds, provided in KRS 45A.353, 56.774, and 58.600, shall
12 be based on the following:

13 (a) The energy conservation measures shall include facility alteration;

14 (b) The energy conservation measures shall be identified in the approved district
15 facilities ~~[district's approved facility]~~ plan;

16 (c) The current facility systems are consuming excess maintenance and operating
17 costs;

18 (d) The savings generated by the energy conservation measures are guaranteed;

19 (e) The capital outlay funds contributed to the energy conservation measures shall
20 be defined as capital cost avoidance as provided in KRS 45A.345(2) and shall
21 be subject to the restrictions on usage as specified in KRS 45A.352(9); and

22 (f) The equipment that is replaced shall have exceeded its useful life as
23 determined by a life-cycle cost analysis.

24 (6) If any district has a special levy for capital outlay or debt service that is equal to the
25 capital outlay allotment or a proportionate fraction thereof, and spends the proceeds
26 of that levy for the above-named purposes, the commissioner of education under
27 administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, may authorize the

1 district to use all or a proportionate fraction of its capital outlay allotment for
2 current expenses. However, a district which uses capital outlay funds for current
3 expenses shall not be eligible to participate in the School Facilities Construction
4 Commission funds, except when the current expenditures are approved by the
5 commissioner of education under subsection (4)~~[(b) or]~~(c) of this section.

6 (7) If ~~[a survey shows that]~~a school district has no capital outlay needs as shown in
7 subsection (4)(a)1., 2., 3., and 4. of this section, upon approval of the commissioner
8 of education, these funds may be used for school plant maintenance, repair,
9 insurance on buildings, replacement of equipment, purchase of school buses, and
10 the purchase of modern technological equipment, including telecommunications
11 hardware, televisions, computers, and other technological hardware to be utilized
12 for educational purposes only.

13 (8) ~~[In surveying the schools,]~~The Department of Education shall **regularly conduct a**
14 **review to** designate each school facility as a permanent, functional, or transitional
15 center.

16 (a) "Permanent center" means a center which meets the program standards
17 approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, is located so that students are
18 not subjected to an excessive amount of time being transported to the site, and
19 has established an attendance area which will maintain enrollment at capacity
20 but will also avoid overcrowding.

21 (b) "Functional center" means a center which does not meet all the criteria
22 established for a permanent facility, but is adequate to meet accreditation
23 program standards to insure no substantial academic or building deficiency.
24 ~~[The facility plan shall include additions and renovations necessary to meet~~
25 ~~current accreditation standards for which federal, state, and local funds may~~
26 ~~be used.]~~

27 (c) "Transitional center" means a center which the local board of education has

1 determined shall no longer be designated permanent or functional. The center
2 shall be destined to be closed and shall not be eligible for new construction,
3 additions, or major renovation. However, the board of education shall
4 maintain any operating transitional center to provide a safe and healthy
5 environment for students.

6 (9) ~~[Beginning in fiscal year 2011-2012,]~~ The Kentucky Department of Education shall
7 standardize the process for evaluating the overall quality and condition of all school
8 buildings across the state. The ~~[evaluation]~~ process shall:

9 (a) Result in consistent categorization of buildings for local planning purposes
10 and for the distribution of state general fund moneys designated for capital
11 construction;

12 (b) Be based on measurable, objective criteria;

13 (c) Include numerical scoring with weights to recognize building components and
14 characteristics that address:

15 1. Life safety issues;

16 2. Compliance with state and federal codes;

17 3. Compliance with requirements under the Americans with Disabilities
18 Act;

19 4. Community spaces;

20 5. Instructional areas;

21 6. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other technology systems;

22 7. Site and exterior building conditions;

23 8. Age of the buildings;

24 9. Feasibility of building additions or major renovations;

25 10. The districts' facility capacities;

26 11. Current use of temporary facilities; and

27 12. Projected enrollment growth; and

1 (d) Use of a third-party evaluator that utilizes an already established software-
2 based system to perform the first, base-line evaluation.

3 (10) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate an administrative regulation
4 upon recommendation of the Kentucky Department of Education and the School
5 Facilities Construction Commission to implement subsection (9) of this section.

6 (11) Under administrative regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of
7 Education, each district shall use the review and evaluation established in
8 subsections (8) and (9) of this section to develop a district facilities plan to outline
9 facility needs, plan future construction and renovation, and prioritize needed
10 projects. The district facilities plan:

11 (a) Shall place each current facility or any future projected facility into
12 categorical priorities and develop a priority order of district facilities
13 projects;

14 (b) May place extracurricular facilities into any categorical priority;

15 (c) Shall include any energy conservation measures planned under subsection
16 (5) of this section;

17 (d) Shall include any additions and renovations necessary for a school facility
18 rated as a functional center to meet current accreditation standards for
19 which federal, state, and local funds may be used; and

20 (e) Shall be submitted by the local board of education to the commissioner or
21 designee for approval. The commissioner or designee shall approve or
22 disapprove the plan within thirty (30) days of submission. An approved plan
23 shall be reported to the Kentucky Board of Education. A local board may
24 resubmit a disapproved plan with amendments or appeal the disapproval to
25 the Kentucky Board of Education at the next regular meeting.

26 (12)~~(11)~~ If a local school board authorized elementary, middle, or secondary education
27 classes in a facility of a historical settlement school on January 1, 1994, the board

1 shall continue to use the facilities provided by the settlement school if the facilities
2 meet health and safety standards for education facilities as required by
3 administrative regulations. The local school board and the governing body of the
4 settlement school shall enter into a cooperative agreement that delineates the role,
5 responsibilities, and financial obligations for each party.

6 ~~(13)~~~~(12)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (4) and (6) of this section, a
7 local district that has requested a mid-year adjustment in the support education
8 excellence in Kentucky funding under KRS 157.360(16) may request permission
9 from the commissioner of education to use capital outlay funds for the purchase of
10 school buses or to use the capital outlay funds for increased operational expenses
11 for the first three (3) years following the increased growth in the district without
12 forfeiture of the district's participation in the School Facilities Construction
13 Commission Program. The commissioner may grant or deny the district's request.

14 ➔Section 4. KRS 157.440 is amended to read as follows:

- 15 (1) (a) Notwithstanding any statutory provisions to the contrary, effective for school
16 years beginning after July 1, 1990, the board of education of each school
17 district may levy an equivalent tax rate as defined in subsection (9)(a) of KRS
18 160.470 which will produce up to fifteen percent (15%) of those revenues
19 guaranteed by the program to support education excellence in Kentucky. The
20 levy for the 1990-91 school year shall be made no later than October 1, 1989,
21 and no later than October 1, 1990, for the 1991-92 school year, and by
22 October 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. Effective with the 1990-91
23 school year, revenue generated by this levy shall be equalized at one hundred
24 fifty percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment.
- 25 (b) To participate in the Facilities Support Program of Kentucky, the board of
26 education of each school district shall commit at least an equivalent tax rate of
27 five cents (\$0.05) to debt service, new facilities, or major renovations of

1 existing school facilities, or the purchase of land~~[if approved by the~~
2 ~~commissioner of education as provided in KRS 157.420(4)(b)]~~. The five cents
3 (\$0.05) shall be in addition to the thirty cents (\$0.30) required by KRS
4 160.470(9) and any levy pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection. The levy
5 shall be made no later than October 1 of each odd-numbered year. Eligibility
6 for equalization funds for the biennium shall be based on the district funds
7 committed to debt service on that date. The five cents (\$0.05) shall be
8 equalized at one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the statewide average per
9 pupil assessment. The equalization funds shall be committed to debt service to
10 the greatest extent possible, but any excess equalization funds not needed for
11 debt service shall be deposited to a restricted building fund account. The
12 funds may be escrowed for future debt service or used to address the priority
13 order~~[categorical priorities]~~ listed in the approved district facilities plan
14 pursuant to Section 3 of this Act~~[KRS 157.420]~~.

15 (c) The board of education of each school district may contribute the levy
16 equivalent tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) and equalization funds for energy
17 conservation measures under guaranteed energy savings contracts pursuant to
18 KRS 45A.345, 45A.352, and 45A.353. Use of these funds, as provided under
19 KRS 45A.353, 56.774, and 58.600 shall be based on the following guidelines:

- 20 1. Energy conservation measures shall include facility alteration;
- 21 2. Energy conservation measures shall be identified in the approved
22 district facilities~~[district's approved facility]~~ plan pursuant to Section 3
23 of this Act~~[KRS 157.420]~~;
- 24 3. The current facility systems are consuming excess maintenance and
25 operating costs;
- 26 4. The savings generated by the energy conservation measures are
27 guaranteed;

- 1 5. The levy equivalent tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) and equalization funds
2 contributed to the energy conservation measures shall be defined as
3 capital cost avoidance as provided in KRS 45A.345(2) and shall be
4 subject to the restrictions on usage as specified in KRS 45A.352(9); and
- 5 6. The equipment that is replaced has exceeded its useful life as
6 determined by a life cycle cost analysis.
- 7 (d) The rate levied by a district board of education under the provisions of this
8 subsection shall not be subject to the public hearing provisions of KRS
9 160.470(7) or to the recall provisions of KRS 160.470(8).
- 10 (e) A school district which is at or above the equivalent tax rates permitted under
11 the provisions of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990, 1990 Ky. Acts
12 ch. 476, shall not be required to levy an equivalent tax rate which is lower
13 than the rate levied during the 1989-90 school year.
- 14 (2) (a) A district may exceed the maximum provided by subsection (1) of KRS
15 160.470 provided that, upon request of the board of education of the district,
16 the county board of elections shall submit to the qualified voters of the
17 district, in the manner of submitting and voting as prescribed in paragraph (b)
18 of this subsection, the question whether a rate which would produce revenues
19 in excess of the maximum provided by subsection (1) of KRS 160.470 shall
20 be levied. The rate that may be levied under this section may produce revenue
21 up to no more than thirty percent (30%) of the revenue guaranteed by the
22 program to support education excellence in Kentucky plus the revenue
23 produced by the tax authorized by this section. Revenue produced by this levy
24 shall not be equalized with state funds. If a majority of those voting on the
25 question favor the increased rate, the tax levying authority shall, when the
26 next tax rate for the district is fixed, levy a rate not to exceed the rate
27 authorized by the voters.

1 (b) The election shall be held not less than fifteen (15) or more than thirty (30)
2 days from the time the request of the board is filed with the county clerk, and
3 reasonable notice of the election shall be given. The election shall be
4 conducted and carried out in the school district in all respects as required by
5 the general election laws and shall be held by the same officers as required by
6 the general election laws. The expense of the election shall be borne by the
7 school district.

8 (3) For the 1966 tax year and for all subsequent years for levies which were approved
9 prior to December 8, 1965, no district board of education shall levy a tax at a rate
10 under the provisions of this section which exceeds the compensating tax rate as
11 defined in KRS 132.010, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section and
12 except that a rate which has been approved by the voters under this section but
13 which was not levied by the district board of education in 1965 may be levied after
14 it has been reduced to the compensating tax rate as defined in KRS 132.010, and
15 except that in any school district where the rate levied in 1965 was less than the
16 maximum rate which had been approved by the voters, the compensating tax rate
17 shall be computed and may be levied as though the maximum approved rate had
18 been levied in 1965 and the amount of revenue which would have been produced
19 from such maximum levy had been derived therefrom.

20 (4) Notwithstanding the limitations contained in subsection (3) of this section, no tax
21 rate shall be set lower than that necessary to provide such funds as are required to
22 meet principal and interest payments on outstanding bonded indebtedness and
23 payments of rentals in connection with any outstanding school revenue bonds
24 issued under the provisions of KRS Chapter 162.

25 (5) The chief state school officer shall certify the compensating tax rate to the levying
26 authorities.

27 ➔Section 5. KRS 157.615 is amended to read as follows:

1 As used in KRS 157.611 to 157.640, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 2 (1) "Available local revenue" means the sum of the school building fund account
3 balance; the bonding potential of the capital outlay and building funds; and the
4 capital outlay fund account balance on June 30 of odd-numbered years. These
5 accounts shall be as defined in the manual for Kentucky school financial accounting
6 systems;
- 7 (2) "Board of education" means the governing body of a county school district or an
8 independent school district;
- 9 (3) "Bonds" or "bonds of the commission" means bonds issued by the commission, or
10 issued by a city, county, or other agency or instrumentality of the Board of
11 Education, in accordance with KRS Chapter 162, payable as to principal and
12 interest from rentals received from a board of education or from the department
13 pursuant to a lease or from contributions from the commission, and constitute
14 municipal bonds exempt from taxation under the Constitution of the
15 Commonwealth;
- 16 (4) "Department" means the State Department of Education;
- 17 (5) "District technology plan" means the plan developed by the local district and the
18 Department of Education and approved by the Kentucky Board of Education upon
19 the recommendation of the Council for Education Technology;
- 20 (6) "Equivalent tax rate" means the rate which results when the income from all taxes
21 levied by the district for school purposes is divided by the total assessed value of
22 property plus the assessment for motor vehicles certified by the Department of
23 Revenue as provided by KRS 160.470;
- 24 (7) "Kentucky Education Technology System" means the statewide system set forth in
25 the technology master plan issued by the Kentucky Board of Education with the
26 recommendation of the Council for Education Technology and approved by the
27 Legislative Research Commission;

- 1 (8) "Lease" or "lease instrument" means a written instrument for the leasing of one (1)
2 or more school projects executed by the commission as lessor and a board of
3 education as lessee, or executed by the commission as lessor and the department as
4 lessee, as the case may be;
- 5 (9) "Lease/purchase agreement" means a lease between the school district or the
6 department and a vendor that includes an option to purchase the technology
7 equipment or software at the end of the lease period;
- 8 (10) "Percentage discount" means the degree to which the commission will participate in
9 meeting the bond and interest redemption schedule required to amortize bonds
10 issued by the commission on behalf of a local school district;
- 11 (11) "Project" means a defined item of need to construct new facilities or to provide
12 major renovation of existing facilities which is identified on the ~~{priority schedule~~
13 ~~of the approved }~~ **district facilities** ~~{school facilities}~~ plan;
- 14 (12) "**District**~~{school}~~ facilities plan" means the plan **required by Section 3 of this**
15 **Act**~~{developed pursuant to the survey specified by KRS 157.420 and by}~~ **and the**
16 administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education;
- 17 (13) "Technology master plan" means the long-range plan for the implementation of the
18 Kentucky Education Technology System as developed by the Council for Education
19 Technology and approved by the Kentucky Board of Education and the Legislative
20 Research Commission;
- 21 (14) "Unmet facilities need" means the total cost of new construction and major
22 renovation needs as shown by the approved **district**~~{school}~~ facilities plan less any
23 available local revenue;
- 24 (15) "Unmet technology need" means the total cost of technology need as shown by the
25 approved technology plan of the local district; and
- 26 (16) "Eligible district" means any local school district having an unmet facilities need, as
27 defined in this section, in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or a

1 district qualifying for education technology funding.

2 ➔Section 6. KRS 157.620 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) To participate in the school construction funding program, the district must have
4 unmet needs as defined by KRS 157.615 and must meet the following eligibility
5 criteria:

6 (a) Commit at least an equivalent tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) to debt service,
7 new facilities, or major renovations of existing school facilities as defined by
8 KRS 157.440. A district that levies the five cents (\$0.05) and has not accepted
9 an official offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction
10 Commission, made pursuant to KRS 157.611, may use receipts from the levy
11 for other purposes as determined by the district board of education.

12 (b) On July 1 of odd-numbered years, the district board of education shall restrict
13 all available local revenue, as defined by KRS 157.615, for school building
14 construction, to be utilized in accordance with the priorities determined by the
15 most current approved district~~[school]~~ facilities plan~~approved by the~~
16 ~~Kentucky Board of Education~~.

17 (2) Interest earned on restricted funds required by this section shall become a part of
18 the restricted funds.

19 (3) Funds restricted by the requirements of this section may be used by the district for
20 projects or a portion thereof as listed in priority order on the approved
21 district~~[school]~~ facilities plan prior to receiving state funds. Any local school
22 district which is not an eligible district may be permitted, upon written application
23 to the Department of Education, to transfer funds restricted by KRS 157.611 to
24 157.640 for other school purposes.

25 (4) Not later than October 15 of the year immediately preceding an even-numbered
26 year regular session of the General Assembly, the Kentucky Board of Education
27 shall submit a statement to the School Facilities Construction Commission

1 certifying the following in each district:

- 2 (a) The amount of school facility construction needs in each district;
- 3 (b) The amount of available local revenue in each district; and
- 4 (c) That the district has or has not met the eligibility criteria established by
- 5 subsection (1) of this section.

6 (5) Construction needs shall be those needs specified in the approved district~~[school]~~
7 facilities plan~~[approved by the Kentucky Board of Education]~~ as of June 30 of the
8 year preceding an even-numbered year regular session of the General Assembly.

9 ➔Section 7. KRS 157.621 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) In addition to the levy required by KRS 157.440(1)(b) to participate in the Facilities
11 Support Program of Kentucky, local school districts that have made the levy
12 required by KRS 157.440(1)(b) are authorized to levy the following additional
13 equivalent rates to support debt service, new facilities, or major renovations of
14 existing school facilities, which levies shall not be subject to recall under any
15 provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, or to voter approval under the
16 provisions of KRS 157.440(2):

17 (a) 1. Prior to April 24, 2008, local school districts that have experienced
18 student population growth during a five (5) year period may levy an
19 additional five cents (\$0.05) equivalent rate for debt service and new
20 facilities. The tax rate levied by the district under this provision shall not
21 be equalized by state funding, except as provided in paragraph (b) of
22 this subsection. Any levy imposed under this paragraph prior to April
23 24, 2008, by a local school district shall continue until removed by the
24 local school district.

25 2. A local school district shall meet the following criteria in order to levy
26 the tax provided in subparagraph 1. of this paragraph:

27 a. Growth of at least one hundred fifty (150) students in average

- 1 daily attendance and three percent (3%) overall growth for the five
2 (5) preceding years;
- 3 b. Bonded debt to the maximum capability of at least eighty percent
4 (80%) of capital outlay from the Support Education Excellence in
5 Kentucky funding program, all revenue from the local facility tax,
6 and all receipts from state equalization on the local facility tax;
- 7 c. Current student enrollment in excess of available classroom space;
8 and
- 9 d. *The district facilities plan*~~[A local school facility plan that]~~ has
10 been approved by the Kentucky Board of Education and certified
11 to the School Facilities Construction Commission;
- 12 (b) 1. In addition to the levy authorized by paragraph (a) of this subsection, a
13 local school district may levy an additional five cents (\$0.05) equivalent
14 rate under the same terms and conditions established by paragraph (a) of
15 this subsection beginning in fiscal year 2003-2004 if the levy was made
16 prior to April 24, 2008, and if the local school district:
- 17 a. Levied the five cents (\$0.05) equivalent rate authorized by
18 paragraph (a) of this subsection; and
- 19 b. Still meets the requirements established by paragraph (a)2. of this
20 subsection.
- 21 2. Any school district that imposes both the levy authorized by paragraph
22 (a) of this subsection and the additional levy authorized by subparagraph
23 1. of this paragraph shall receive equalization funding from the state for
24 the levy imposed by paragraph (a) of this subsection beginning in fiscal
25 year 2003-2004. Equalization shall be provided at one hundred fifty
26 percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment, subject to
27 the provision of funding by the General Assembly. Equalization funds

1 shall be used as provided in KRS 157.440(1)(b).

2 3. Any levy imposed under this paragraph prior to April 24, 2008, by a
3 local school district shall continue until removed by the local school
4 district; and

5 (c) 1. A local school district that meets the following conditions may levy an
6 additional five cents (\$0.05) equivalent rate on and after April 24, 2008:

7 a. The local school district is located in a county that will have more
8 students as a direct result of the new mission established for Fort
9 Knox by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 issued
10 by the United States Department of Defense pursuant to the
11 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Pub. L. No.
12 100-526, Part A of Title XXIX of 104 Stat. 1808, 10 U.S.C. sec.
13 2687 note; and

14 b. The commissioner of education has determined, based upon the
15 presentation of credible data, that the projected increased number
16 of students is sufficient to require new facilities or the major
17 renovation of existing facilities to accommodate the new students,
18 and has approved the imposition of the additional levy.

19 2. Any local school district that imposes both the levy authorized by
20 paragraph (a) of this subsection and the additional levy authorized by
21 subparagraph 1. of this paragraph, and that has not received equalization
22 funding under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, shall receive
23 equalization funding from the state for the levy imposed by paragraph
24 (a) of this subsection beginning in the fiscal year following the fiscal
25 year in which the levy authorized by subparagraph 1. of this paragraph
26 is imposed. Equalization shall be provided at one hundred fifty percent
27 (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment, subject to the

1 provision of funding by the General Assembly. Equalization funds shall
2 be used as provided in KRS 157.440(1)(b).

3 3. Any levy imposed under this paragraph by a local school district shall
4 continue until removed by the local school district.

5 (2) (a) Any local school district that, prior to April 27, 2016, levied an equivalent rate
6 that:

- 7 1. Was subject to recall at the time it was levied; and
8 2. Included a rate of at least five cents (\$0.05) equivalent rate for the
9 purpose of debt service for school construction or major renovation of
10 existing school facilities;

11 shall be eligible for retroactive equalization from the state for that levy at one
12 hundred fifty percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment
13 beginning in fiscal year 2003-2004, subject to the fiscal condition of the
14 Commonwealth and the provision of funding by the General Assembly.
15 Equalization funds shall be used as provided in KRS 157.440(1)(b).

16 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that for levies described in this
17 subsection that are imposed on or after April 27, 2016, equalization funds, if
18 provided by the General Assembly, shall terminate upon the earlier of June
19 30, 2038, or the date the bonds for the local school district supported by this
20 equalization funding are retired. Equalization shall be subject to the fiscal
21 condition of the Commonwealth and the provision of funding by the General
22 Assembly.

23 (3) Any local school district that:

24 (a) Levied an equivalent tax rate as of April 24, 2008, that included at least ten
25 cents (\$0.10) that was devoted to building purposes, or that had debt service
26 corresponding to a ten cents (\$0.10) equivalent rate;

27 (b) Did not receive equalized growth funding pursuant to subsection (1)(b)2. of

1 this section; and

2 (c) Has been approved by the commissioner of education;

3 shall be eligible for equalization from the state for that levy at one hundred fifty
4 percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment beginning in fiscal
5 year 2005-2006, subject to the provision of funding by the General Assembly.
6 Equalization funds shall be used as provided in KRS 157.440(1)(b). Equalization
7 funds shall be available to a local school district pursuant to this subsection until the
8 earlier of June 30, 2038, or the date the bonds for the local school district supported
9 by this equalization funding are retired.

10 (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any local school district
11 receiving equalization funding prior to April 27, 2016, related to an equivalent
12 rate levy described in subsection (1), (2), (3), or (5) of this section shall
13 continue to receive the equalization funding related to the applicable
14 equivalent rate levy, subject to the limitations established by subsections (1),
15 (2), (3), and (5) of this section, and subject to the fiscal condition of the
16 Commonwealth and the provision of funding by the General Assembly, until
17 amended by subsequent action of the General Assembly. A local school
18 district described in this paragraph shall not be eligible to receive equalization
19 for any additional equivalent rate levies made by it on or after April 27, 2016.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any local school district
21 that has imposed an equivalent rate levy described in subsection (1)(a) or (b)
22 or (2) of this section prior to April 27, 2016, that qualifies for equalization but
23 that has not yet received equalization funding shall be eligible for equalization
24 funding as provided in subsection (1)(a) or (b) or (2) of this section, subject to
25 the provision of funding by the General Assembly.

26 (c) On and after April 24, 2008, a local school district not included in paragraph
27 (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be prohibited from imposing an equivalent

1 rate levy under the provisions of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section, and
2 shall not be eligible for equalization funding under the provisions of this
3 section.

4 (d) On and after April 24, 2008, a local school district meeting the requirements
5 of subsection (1)(c) of this section may impose the levy authorized by
6 subsection (1)(c) of this section, and shall qualify for equalization as provided
7 in subsection (1)(c) of this section, subject to the provision of funding by the
8 General Assembly.

- 9 (5) (a) Any local school district that:
- 10 1. Had school facilities classified as Category 5 on May 18, 2010, by the
11 Kentucky Department of Education; and
- 12 2. Levied an additional five cents (\$0.05) equivalent tax rate prior to April
13 27, 2016, for debt service, new construction, and major renovation
14 beyond the five cents (\$0.05) equivalent tax rate required by KRS
15 157.440(1)(b), except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection;
- 16 shall be eligible for equalization from the state for that levy at one hundred
17 fifty percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil assessment beginning
18 in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the levy was imposed.
19 This levy shall be subject to the recall provisions of KRS 132.017.
- 20 (b) School districts that levied a five cents (\$0.05) equivalent tax rate for debt
21 service, new construction, and major renovation, beyond the rate required by
22 KRS 157.440(1)(b) prior to May 18, 2010, shall not be required to levy an
23 additional tax to receive the equalization funds provided in paragraph (a) of
24 this subsection.
- 25 (c) If the school district utilizes the equalization funds to support a bond issue for
26 construction purposes, equalization funds shall be provided until the earlier of
27 twenty (20) years or date the bonds are retired.

(d) In the event that a school district receives funding pursuant to this subsection to support construction of a new school facility and subsequently, as a result of litigation, receives funding for the same facility for which state funds were provided, that school district shall reimburse the Commonwealth an amount equal to the amount provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection. Any funds received in this manner shall be deposited in the budget reserve trust fund account established in KRS 48.705.

➔Section 8. KRS 157.622 is amended to read as follows:

The School Facilities Construction Commission shall be governed by the following procedures in providing assistance to school districts for construction purposes:

- (1) Upon receipt of the certified statements from the Kentucky Board of Education as required by KRS 157.620, the commission shall compute the unmet needs of all eligible districts as defined by KRS 157.615;
- (2) Assistance to each eligible district shall be determined by computing the ratio of the available state funding to total unmet need statewide. Based on the computed ratio, an equivalent percentage of each eligible district's unmet need will be funded;
- (3) Each eligible district which has otherwise complied with the provisions of KRS 157.615 and 157.620 shall be offered sufficient funding to finance construction of the portion of its unmet need computed by applying the ratio determined in subsection (2) of this section to the total unmet need of the district. The funds shall be applied to the projects listed on the most current approved district facilities plan~~approved by the Kentucky Board of Education~~, and the funds shall be applied to projects in the priority order listed on the plan. Exceptions to the priority order of projects may be approved by the School Facilities Construction Commission when it is documented by the local board of education and approved by the Kentucky Board of Education upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer that the school district's priority order of needs has

1 changed. The exceptions shall not alter the amount of the offer of assistance;

2 (4) The commission shall promulgate administrative regulations whereby an eligible
3 district which fails in any budget period to receive an allocation of state funds that
4 is sufficient to fund the district's priority project or portions thereof may accumulate
5 credit, subject to the availability of funds, for its unused state allocation for a period
6 not to exceed eight (8) years. Accumulation and retention of credit is contingent
7 upon the transfer of available local revenue to the restricted construction account by
8 June 30 of each year;

9 (5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, all unused state allocations
10 accumulated according to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be
11 reallocated by the commission. The reallocation shall follow the process and intent
12 as set forth in this section with eligible districts being those districts which
13 contribute unused state allocations to the reallocation account. Any district which
14 has an unused state allocation after funding its first priority project in a biennium is
15 not eligible for consideration for additional funds from the reallocation account.
16 Any funding received and utilized from the reallocation account by a district shall
17 equally reduce the credit as set forth in this section; and

18 (6) Refinancing savings that have occurred since July 1, 1997, and subsequent savings
19 to the commission generated over the life of a bond by the local district's
20 refinancing of the bond shall be dedicated to the district's account by the
21 commission. Any funds accumulated in this account shall be used toward the
22 district's next priority, but shall not be deducted from the district's share of
23 commission funds under subsection (3) of this section.

24 ➔Section 9. KRS 158.814 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) In order to ensure that high-quality, relevant secondary career and technical
26 programs are available to students in all school districts that enable them to gain the
27 academic and technical skills to meet high school graduation requirements and for

1 successful transition to postsecondary education, work, or the military and to
2 support present-day and future needs of Kentucky employers, the Department of
3 Education shall:

4 (a) Review and revise as needed the equipment and facilities standards for each
5 career and technical education program identified and described in the career
6 and technical education supplement to the Kentucky program of studies and
7 published by the Department of Education; and

8 (b) Determine the statewide unmet needs for career and technical education
9 capital projects, including renovations and expansions of existing facilities
10 and the construction of new technology centers, through a needs assessment
11 process. This process shall be tied to specific criteria in determining if the
12 current programs or career pathways offered in locally and state-operated
13 facilities are appropriate for the students in the school districts served as well
14 as for determining if new programs are needed. The statewide assessment of
15 capital needs for career and technical education shall be incorporated into the
16 *district facilities plan of each* local school district~~[facility plan]~~ as required
17 by *Section 3 of this Act*~~[KRS 157.420]~~. The Kentucky Board of Education
18 shall incorporate criteria within the administrative regulations relating to
19 *district facilities*~~[school facility]~~ plan requirements to prioritize need for
20 career and technical education programming, regardless of whether the
21 programs are locally or state-operated.

22 (2) The Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee established in KRS
23 156.806 shall be consulted in carrying out the requirements of this section.

24 ➔Section 10. KRS 160.105 is amended to read as follows:

25 The Kentucky Board of Education shall by regulation require each school district to:

26 (1) Provide for fire and extended insurance coverage on each building owned by the
27 board which is not surplus to its needs as shown by the approved *district* facilities

1 plan. The requirement for such coverage shall not exceed replacement cost and
2 shall allow for the features of coinsurance and deductibles; and

3 (2) Provide each certified employee of the district with primary liability insurance
4 coverage for an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
5 protection of the employee from liability arising in the course and scope of pursuing
6 the duties of employment.

7 ➔Section 11. KRS 160.160 is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Each school district shall be under the management and control of a board of
9 education consisting of five (5) members, except in counties containing a city of the
10 first class wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished
11 which shall have seven (7) members elected from the divisions and in the manner
12 prescribed by KRS 160.210(5), to be known as the "Board of Education of ...,
13 Kentucky." Each board of education shall be a body politic and corporate with
14 perpetual succession. It may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds
15 necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action
16 brought against an individual board member in his official or individual capacity, or
17 both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his performance of legal
18 duties as a board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds
19 to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the
20 purposes for which it is created. Each board of education shall elect a chairman and
21 vice chairman from its membership in a manner and for a term prescribed by the
22 board not to exceed two (2) years.

23 (2) No board of education shall participate in any financing of school buildings, school
24 improvements, appurtenances thereto, or furnishing and equipment, including
25 education technology equipment without:

26 (a) First establishing the cost of the project in advance of financing, based on:

27 1. The receipt of advertised, public, and competitive bids for such project,

1 in accordance with KRS Chapter 424; or

2 2. Estimates of the cost of the project developed by licensed architects or
3 engineers who prepared the plans or specifications; and

4 (b) Establishing the cost of financing in advance of the sale of any bonds,
5 certificates of participation in any leases, or other evidences of financial
6 commitments issued by or on behalf of such board. Any bonds, leases,
7 participations, or other financial arrangements shall not involve a final
8 commitment of the board until the purchaser or lender involved shall have
9 been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

10 (3) No board of education shall ~~make a mortgage, lien, or other encumbrance upon~~
11 ~~any school building owned by the board, or transfer title to any [such] school~~
12 ~~building as part of any financing arrangement[,] without the specific approval of the~~
13 ~~Department of Education, and without the transaction being entered into pursuant to~~
14 ~~a detailed plan or procedure specifically authorized by Kentucky statute.~~

15 (4) ~~[Without the approval of the Department of Education,]No board may lease, as~~
16 ~~lessee, a building or public facility that has been or is to be financed at the request~~
17 ~~of the board or on its behalf through the issuance of bonds by another public body~~
18 ~~or by a nonprofit corporation serving as an agency and instrumentality of the board,~~
19 ~~or by a leasing corporation. Any lease, participation, or other financial arrangement~~
20 ~~shall not involve a final commitment of the board unless and until] unless the~~
21 ~~purchaser or lender involved in same shall have been determined by public~~
22 ~~advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424. No transaction shall be entered~~
23 ~~into by the board except upon the basis of public advertising and competitive~~
24 ~~bidding in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.~~

25 (5) Rental payments due by a board under a lease ~~approved by the Department of~~
26 ~~Education in accordance with] established under~~ subsection (4) of this section shall
27 be due and payable not less than ten (10) days prior to the interest due date for the

1 bonds, notes, or other debt obligations issued to finance the building or public
2 facility. If a board fails to make a rental payment when due under a lease, upon
3 notification to the Department of Education by the paying agent, bond registrar, or
4 trustee for the bonds not less than three (3) days prior to the interest due date, the
5 Department of Education shall withhold or intercept any funds then due the board
6 to the extent of the amount of the required payment on the bonds and remit the
7 amount to the paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee as appropriate. Thereafter, the
8 Department of Education shall resolve the matter with the board and adjust
9 remittances to the board to the extent of the amount paid by the Department of
10 Education on the board's behalf.

11 (6) Bonds, notes or leases negotiated to provide education technology shall not be sold
12 for longer than seven (7) years or the useful life of the equipment as established by
13 the state technology master plan, whichever is less.

14 (7) Notwithstanding any requirements of public advertising, competitive bidding, or
15 approval by the Department of Education, or any administrative regulation
16 promulgated pursuant to KRS 156.160(1)(o), a local board may authorize the
17 transfer or sale of the district's real or personal property to another governmental or
18 quasi-governmental agency in exchange for money or a similar type of property that
19 equals or exceeds the fair market value of the district property as determined by an
20 independent appraisal conducted by:

21 (a) An individual or organization not affiliated with the district or its officers or
22 employees, using a generally accepted national or professional standard; or

23 (b) A district's officers or employees using a nationally published valuation of
24 property based on the most recent edition of the publication.

25 ➔Section 12. KRS 158.102 is amended to read as follows:

26 ~~{(1)}~~ The board of education for each local school district shall establish and maintain a
27 library media center in every elementary and secondary school to promote information

1 literacy and technology in the curriculum, and to facilitate teaching, student achievement,
2 and lifelong learning.

3 ~~[(2) (a) Schools shall employ a school media librarian to organize, equip, and manage
4 the operations of the school media library. The school media librarian shall
5 hold the appropriate certificate of legal qualifications in accordance with KRS
6 161.020 and 161.030. A certified school media librarian may be employed to
7 serve two (2) or more schools in a school district with the consent of the
8 school councils.~~

9 ~~(b) If a vacancy occurs, the school council may fill the vacancy on a temporary
10 basis by employing:~~

11 ~~1. A person who is pursuing certification as a school media librarian in
12 accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the
13 Education Professional Standards Board; or~~

14 ~~2. A temporary employee for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days.]~~

15 ➔ Section 13. KRS 199.882 is amended to read as follows:

16 As used in KRS 199.881 to 199.888:

17 (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

18 (2) "Child-care provider" means a child-care provider that is rated pursuant to the
19 quality-based graduated early care and education program rating system set forth in
20 KRS 199.8943;

21 (3) "Contribution" means a direct payment to a child-care provider either directly by an
22 employer or through a third party vendor to subsidize an employee's eligible child-
23 care costs, and shall include an employer directly paying for the child-care
24 facilities and facility maintenance on behalf of a child-care provider;

25 (4) "Eligible child-care costs" means costs to be incurred by an individual for services
26 rendered by an eligible child-care provider;

27 (5) "Employee" means an individual who works in Kentucky and is employed by an

1 employer;

2 (6) "Employer" means a nonprofit or for-profit entity with at least one (1) employee
3 who works in Kentucky in each of twenty (20) or more calendar weeks in the
4 current or preceding calendar year;

5 (7) "Fund" means the fund administered by the cabinet as described in KRS 199.885;

6 (8) "Program" means the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership;

7 (9) "Small business" means a business with fewer than fifty (50) employees who are
8 individually contracted to work more than thirty-five (35) hours per week;

9 (10) "State match" means the money paid directly to the child-care provider by the
10 cabinet from the fund described in KRS 199.885; and

11 (11) "State median household income" means the most recent estimate available of real
12 median household income for the state, as determined by the United States Census
13 Bureau, and adjusted for family size.

14 ➔Section 14. Any person granted an emergency teaching certificate pursuant to
15 KRS 161.100 by the Education Professional Standards Board during the 2023-2024
16 school year shall be eligible to renew that emergency certificate for the 2024-2025 school
17 year, notwithstanding any administrative regulation to the contrary.

18 ➔Section 15. Due to the need to ensure continued financial savings for school
19 districts in relation to construction costs and approval delays, an emergency is declared to
20 exist, and this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.