

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to prohibiting the General Assembly from diverting funds from the lottery.

WHEREAS, KRS 154A.130 outlines the breakdown of the intended distribution of lottery money. After \$3,000,000 are applied towards literacy programs, 55 percent of the remaining funds are designated for the College Access Program (CAP) and the Kentucky Tuition Grants (KTG) program, the state's two need-based scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, from fiscal year 2011-2012 through fiscal year 2015-2016, the CAP and KTG programs were appropriated an average of \$28,500,000 less than provided by statute; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, an additional 15,000 students would have received financial assistance had the need-based scholarships been funded according to statute; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, of 135,636 students eligible for CAP, 80,554 were denied due to insufficient funds. For the same year, of 36,932 students eligible for KTG, 13,049 were denied due to insufficient funds; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2015, the total dollar value of unmet need for both programs was \$987,315,983;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The General Assembly shall appropriate lottery funds as prescribed by KRS 154A.130 and shall not notwithstanding the statute in order to transfer those funds for other purposes.