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An act to provide an opportunity for coal miners who have been laid off to receive financial assistance to obtain a college education.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to provide financial support to coal miners who are unemployed to enroll in an institute of higher education.

Section 2: Within the state of Kentucky, thousands of individuals who worked in the coal industry and that have been laid off. A large portion of those individuals are struggling to make a career change. It is important that our government assist these individuals in their transition in order to reduce the negative impact of their unemployment.

Section 3: Individuals who are seeking to attend college [These individuals must have been laid off from a position related the coal industry] will be reimbursed up to \$10,000 per school year for tuition to a Kentucky public university. Individuals must provide documentation of completed courses in order to receive reimbursement. Individuals can apply for reimbursement for up to 4 years.

Section 4: This bill will affect all Kentucky individuals who worked in the coal industry that have been laid off. If an individual regains his/her position they may still qualify for this reimbursement plan in order to complete an educational program

Section 5: The funding for this bill will come from money allocated from the Kentucky Lottery. In addition, universities will be required to fund 5% of the total cost of the reimbursement plan.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2017