

CHAPTER 520

(HJR 142)

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Economic Development, the Transportation Cabinet, and Department of Education to coordinate their efforts and address the obstacles limiting the effectiveness of economic development efforts in counties with high unemployment, low educational attainment levels, and low per capita income.

WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Economic Development is the primary state agency responsible for creating new jobs and new investment in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Economic Development is limited in creating new jobs through economic development by a lack of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Economic Development is limited in creating new jobs through economic development by the educational attainment levels found in many counties in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, despite the economic growth and low unemployment being experienced across the nation and in parts of this Commonwealth, there are still many counties and citizens in need; and

WHEREAS, many counties across the Commonwealth continue to have unemployment rates two and three times the state's average unemployment rate;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. In order to advance economic development, education, and transportation, the Cabinet for Economic Development, the Department of Education, and the Transportation Cabinet shall work together to create a unified plan for increasing levels of assistance to those counties, or districts of two or more counties as determined by the Economic Development Cabinet, with high unemployment, low educational attainment levels, and low per capita income. **Approved April 21, 2000**

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