

**CHAPTER 544 (HB 576)**

AN ACT making appropriations for operations, maintenance, and support of the legislative branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

## PART I

## OPERATING BUDGET

Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research Commission out of the General Fund, restricted funds accounts, or federal funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, in the following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the legislative branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

	2000-01	2001-02
1. General Assembly		
General Fund	9,812,300	13,312,300
Restricted Funds	153,500	97,300
Total	9,965,800	13,409,600

The above General Fund appropriation to the General Assembly includes funds for the Legislators Retirement Plan in each fiscal year and provides for the continuation of the annual cost of living adjustment authorized for the 1998-2000 biennium. Notwithstanding KRS 6.190, 6.213, and 6A.020, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and 6A.020 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall be as authorized for the 1998-2000 biennium and shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002, by the all urban consumer price index (CPI-U) not to exceed 5 percent (5%) per annum but not less than zero percent (0%) per annum.

	2000-01	2001-02
2. Legislative Research Commission		
General Fund	26,638,100	27,304,100
Restricted Funds	2,200	2,200
Total	26,640,300	27,306,300

The total number of permanent full-time employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation shall not exceed 261 in fiscal year 2000-2001 and 261 in fiscal year 2001-2002. Within this total, the permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 10.

The above General Fund appropriation includes \$150,000 in fiscal year 2001-2002 for the capital project authorized in the Capital Projects Budget, Part II. Project funds may be transferred to the Capital Construction Fund.

## TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET

	2000-01	2001-02
General Fund	36,450,400	40,616,400
Restricted Funds	155,700	99,500
TOTAL	36,606,100	40,715,900

Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance remaining at the close of fiscal year 1999-2000 shall not lapse but shall continue into the 2000-2001 fiscal year and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

## PART II

## CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

	2000-01	2001-02
1. Legislative Research Commission		
a. Printing/color duplicating machine		
General Fund		150,000
TOTAL		150,000

The amount listed above is not in addition to the funds appropriated in the Operating Budget, Part I.

## TOTALS - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET

	2000-01	2001-02
General Fund	36,450,400	40,616,400
Restricted Funds	155,700	99,500
TOTAL	36,606,100	40,715,900

## PART III

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Director of the Legislative Research Commission with the approval of the Legislative Research Commission may expend any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful manner and for any legal purpose which the Commission shall authorize or direct. No executive agency of state government shall have the power to restrict or limit the expenditure of funds appropriated to the legislative branch of government.

2. The Director of the Legislative Research Commission shall submit monthly to the Legislative Research Commission a report listing all travel expenses reimbursed, travel related per diem, and any other travel related reimbursement for each General Assembly member and each employee of the Legislative Research Commission who was reimbursed during the previous month.

3.No member of the General Assembly except members of the Legislative Research Commission shall receive in any one fiscal year per diem compensation in excess of 7 days in connection with out-of-state travel unless prior written approval has been received from the Legislative Research Commission.

4.Appropriation items and sums in this Act conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provisions thereof shall be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

5.Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in an appropriation provision in another act of the 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly which constitute a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

6.KRS 48.313 shall control when a total, subtotal, or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it consists.

7.Proposed revisions to restricted funds and federal funds appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10). The Director of the Legislative Research Commission shall notify on a timely basis the Legislative Research Commission of the most current estimates of anticipated receipts for the affected fiscal year and an accompanying statement which explains such variations from the anticipated amount.

8.The Legislative Research Commission shall cause the Director of the Legislative Research Commission to prepare a final budget document reflecting the 2000-2002 biennial budget of the legislative branch. A copy shall be provided to the Legislative Research Commission and an informational copy shall be furnished to the Finance and Administration Cabinet within sixty (60) days of the adjournment of the 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

9.Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and to each member of the Senate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500). This allowance shall be paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of the session.

#### PART IV

#### BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

The legislative branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.

**Approved April 26, 2000**