

CHAPTER 310**(HJR 25)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Department of Education to implement study recommendations.

WHEREAS, during the 2001 Interim, the Interim Joint Committee on Education studied the instruction of the principles of economics and the need for promoting economic education in the public schools as required by House Concurrent Resolution 82 of the 2000 session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the committee adopted its report and recommendations on December 5, 2001, and forwarded the report to the Legislative Research Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Department of Education shall implement the recommendations of the Interim Joint Committee on Education as follows:

(1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall continue to partner with private organizations, public and private colleges and universities, and other public entities to offer meaningful professional development for teachers.

(2) The Kentucky Department of Education shall continue its efforts to develop teacher academies that focus on developing teachers' knowledge and skills in economics and in consumer education.

(3) The Kentucky Department of Education shall maximize the use of its Web site to communicate the professional development and other resources that are available to teachers.

(4) Local schools and teachers shall be encouraged to use some of the local professional development funds to participate in economics and consumer education-related programs conducted by the Kentucky Council on Economic Education and other appropriate providers.

(5) The Professional Growth Fund shall be extended to encourage all teachers' participation in consumer education courses or professional development institutes, not just social studies teachers.

(6) The Department of Education, the Kentucky Council on Economic Education, and other interested parties shall continue collaboration and if funds are made available, the department may choose to contract with the Kentucky Council on Economic Education to carry out coordinating functions in the areas of consumer education for the state.

Section 2. The Department of Education shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education on the status of these recommendations prior to October 1, 2002.

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