

CHAPTER 224**(HCR 214)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting the Legislative Research Commission to direct the Interim Joint Committee on Education to study how to effectively provide assistance to schools not meeting established goals for student achievement.

WHEREAS, it is Kentucky's goal for all children to perform at the level of proficiency by 2014; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers, school council members, parents, and members of the community is essential for improving student achievement; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers, school council members, parents, and members of the community focus on how schools can close achievement gaps between groups of students; and

WHEREAS, schools whose performance on the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System is categorized as "needing assistance" are the schools showing the least progress in student achievement and are in need of immediate assistance; and

WHEREAS, all schools can face challenges in raising student achievement and meeting goals for progress; and

WHEREAS, the federal No Child Left Behind Act requires a new level of district intervention and accountability for their schools, and Kentucky's statutes and regulations are not consistent with what is required; and

WHEREAS, the intervention in low-performing schools required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System must be coordinated; and

WHEREAS, capacity must be built at the school district level to address the needs of schools not meeting goals for student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is requested to direct the Interim Joint Committee on Education to study how to effectively provide assistance to schools not meeting established goals for student achievement. Staff shall consult with the following organizations to obtain input on the issue to be studied:

- (1) The Kentucky Department of Education;
- (2) The Kentucky School Boards Association;
- (3) The Kentucky Education Association;
- (4) The Kentucky Association of School Councils;
- (5) The Kentucky Association of School Administrators;
- (6) The Kentucky Association of School Superintendents;
- (7) The Kentucky Parent Teacher Association;
- (8) The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; and
- (9) Other organizations as deemed appropriate.

Section 2. The study shall be completed by October 15, 2006, with a written report, including findings and policy options, presented to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2006.

Section 3. Provisions of this Resolution contrary notwithstanding, the Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.

Approved April 22, 2006.