

CHAPTER 23**(SCR 123)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the staff of the Legislative Research Commission to study the technology, resources, and procedures necessary to notify the Division of Probation and Parole when a probationer or parolee has been arrested.

WHEREAS, currently in Kentucky, over 42,000 persons are on active supervision with the Division of Probation and Parole; and

WHEREAS, when a person serving probation or parole in this state is arrested, there is no automatic notification of the person's probation and parole officer; and

WHEREAS, under the division's current procedure, it is the responsibility of the person being supervised to report the arrest to his or her probation and parole officer; and

WHEREAS, other than self-reporting of arrests by probationers and parolees, the only official method for discovering a new arrest is through a records check performed by a probation and parole officer every 30 days on each person supervised; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to ensure that probationers and parolees comply with the conditions of their probation and parole; and

WHEREAS, the immediate notification to the probation and parole officer of a supervisee's new arrest will further enhance public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The staff of the Legislative Research Commission shall study:

(1) The current statutory, regulatory, and procedural barriers to immediate notification of the Division of Probation and Parole when supervisees are arrested;

(2) Alternative methods for notification and the associated costs of each method, including start-up and recurring costs;

(3) The necessary participation and cooperation of other appropriate agencies, jails, and the Administrative Office of the Courts in developing and implementing the notification system; and

(4) Any potential limitations to interagency cooperation in the implementation of immediate notification of an arrest to the Division of Probation and Parole.

➔Section 2. Staff shall transmit the results of the study to the Legislative Research Commission for distribution to the appropriate interim joint committee or committees by November 1, 2013.

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

Signed by Governor March 19, 2013.