

CHAPTER 73**(SCR 102)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the staff of the Legislative Research Commission to study family care-giving and long-term supports and services in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the population of the state that is 85 years of age or older and most likely to need care-giving assistance is projected to reach 106,052 in 2030; and

WHEREAS, almost all older adults who need assistance with activities of daily living want to remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, providing services and supports to older adults in their homes and communities is generally much less expensive than nursing home care; and

WHEREAS, older adults who receive services from caregivers in their homes are much less likely to need public assistance; and

WHEREAS, almost three-fourths of older people living in the community who received personal assistance relied exclusively on unpaid caregivers; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 735,000 adults in the state provide care to adult relatives or friends, which equates to an estimated 704 million hours each year and an estimated value of \$7.1 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, nationally 70 percent of people with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder live at home and need assistance with activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, to successfully address the surging population of older adults who have significant needs for long-term services and supports, the state must develop methods to both encourage and support families to assist their aging relatives and develop ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce;

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 conduct a study of family care-giving and long-term supports and services in Kentucky to:

- (1) Identify policies, resources, and programs available for family caregivers and identify additional innovative and creative means to support family caregivers to continue to provide needed in-home support for older adults;
- (2) Interview family caregivers about their needs, including the designation of caregivers, training, respite services, medical leave policies, delegation of tasks to non-medical aides, and relevant state policies;
- (3) Compile an inventory of the resources available to family caregivers; and
- (4) Identify possible legislative and administrative actions to support family caregivers.

➔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 December 1, 2014.

➔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 April 9, 2014.