

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force.

WHEREAS, Section 183 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky directs the General Assembly to provide for an efficient system of education throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 190 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky directs the General Assembly to regulate all corporations throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2014, more than \$900,000,000 in state and federal funds were provided to support, train, and educate Kentucky's workforce; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the United States Congress passed the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which emphasizes the role of workforce education as a key component of economic development and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the alignment of the key components of Kentucky's workforce strategic efforts with the requirements of the WIOA is of vital importance to Kentucky's workforce preparedness and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy of the Kentucky workforce is a primary concern to the Commonwealth's future and well-being; and

WHEREAS, within the General Assembly, the intricate issues pertaining to workforce education, economic development, labor, industry, and commerce are dispersed throughout an array of committees and subcommittees which creates barriers to a comprehensive understanding and focus; and

WHEREAS, across the Commonwealth, the funding and responsibilities to prepare Kentucky workers are distributed among many different departments, agencies, and local authorities, creating further barriers to effective outcomes able to meet business needs and economic demands;

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 Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to create a Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force that shall study and develop consensus recommendations concerning the benefits, investments, and funding of workforce education in Kentucky.

➔Section 2. (1) The task force shall be composed of the following members, with final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

(a) Three members of the Senate Education Committee, two to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate;

(b) Three members of the House Education Committee, two to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House;

(c) Three members of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, two to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate;

(d) Three members of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, two to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House;

(e) Three members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee, two to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate; and

(f) Three members of the House Economic Development or Labor and Industry Committee, two to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House.

(2) If the chairs of the Senate Education Committee, House Education

Committee, Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee, and House Economic Development or Labor and Industry Committee are not appointed to the task force as provided by subsection (1) of this section, they may participate in the meetings of the task force as nonvoting ex officio members.

(3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint one co-chair of the task force from among the members appointed to the task force.

➔Section 3. The task force shall meet at least monthly during the 2015 Interim of the General Assembly. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 11, 2015.

➔Section 4. 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.