

1 A RESOLUTION urging annual training on the topic of interlocal agreements.

2 WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, KRS 65.210 to 65.300, has been
3 codified since 1962; and

4 WHEREAS, interlocal agreements represent a time-tested way to memorialize and
5 foster cooperation among local governments and their constituent parts; and

6 WHEREAS, interlocal agreements have provided tangible cost savings for
7 governments using them; and

8 WHEREAS, since the year 2000, the Department for Local Government has
9 reviewed more than eight hundred interlocal agreements that involve more than two
10 thousand five hundred units of government; and

11 WHEREAS, this number does not reflect interlocal agreements reviewed by the
12 Attorney General's office, which receives a substantial portion of interlocal agreements to
13 review; and

14 WHEREAS, there are one hundred twenty counties, over four hundred cities and
15 around two thousand special purpose governmental entities, with each potential
16 agreement entered into by two or more of these governments being an opportunity either
17 to effectuate the provision of governance in a more logical, effective, and regionalized
18 way, or to benefit from a more economical utilization of taxpayer funds; and

19 WHEREAS, being legal contacts, these agreements rise or fall by the precision with
20 which they are crafted; and

21 WHEREAS, while local governments and their constituent parts may remain stable
22 throughout time, officeholders and employees enter and leave office and employment by
23 various devises, and with their departure goes a certain amount of institutional
24 knowledge; and

25 WHEREAS, because of the ephemeral length of human lives and service, when
26 viewed in epochal time frames, the importance of a stable, centralized, organized, and
27 knowledgeable source of training becomes ever more important; and

1 WHEREAS, the most logical sources of institutional training for local government
2 training relating to interlocal agreements can be found in agencies already concerned with
3 local government best practices in general, those being, namely, the Kentucky
4 Department for Local Government, the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association,
5 the Kentucky Association of Counties, and the Kentucky League of Cities; and

6 WHEREAS, while these entities provide some training related to interlocal
7 agreements, none offer solely-dedicated courses on the subject;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
10 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Department for Local Government, the Kentucky
12 County Judge/Executive Association, the Kentucky Association of Counties, and the
13 Kentucky League of Cities are hereby urged to provide annual training to local officials
14 and employees through solely-dedicated courses that include instruction on the
15 background relating to, and benefits and best practices of entering into, interlocal
16 agreements. The Kentucky Department for Local Government, the Kentucky County
17 Judge/Executive Association, the Kentucky Association of Counties, and the Kentucky
18 League of Cities are furthermore urged to provide this training at least during each of
19 their annual conferences, but are also encouraged to provide it at other times and
20 locations when tangible benefits from the training may be realized.

21 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
22 copy of this Resolution to: Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo, Kentucky Department for
23 Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, KY 40601;
24 President Kelly Callaham, Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, 115 East
25 Second Street, Frankfort, KY 40601; President Bruce Todd, Kentucky Association of
26 Counties, 400 Englewood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601; and President Claude
27 Christensen, Kentucky League of Cities, 100 East Vine Street, Suite 800, Lexington, KY

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