

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the staff of the Legislative Research
2 Commission to study the cost of expanding Kentucky's automated e-Warrant system to
3 include civil and bench warrants and emergency protective and domestic violence orders.

4 WHEREAS, the e-Warrant system automates the warrant process by allowing
5 prosecutors, clerks, and police officers to request a warrant by entering a complaint into
6 the system and to look up warrants in the system in real time; and

7 WHEREAS, with the exception of counties currently taking part in a pilot program
8 administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the current e-Warrant system is
9 exclusive to criminal complaints and does not currently include civil and bench warrants
10 and emergency protective and domestic violence orders; and

11 WHEREAS, including civil and bench warrants, emergency protective, and
12 domestic violence orders within the e-Warrant system would greatly enhance law
13 enforcement's ability to keep the citizens of Kentucky safe; and

14 WHEREAS, inclusion of civil and bench warrants and emergency protective and
15 domestic violence orders into the e-Warrant system would greatly expand the
16 administration of justice within the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The staff of the Legislative Research Commission is directed to study
21 the cost of expanding Kentucky's automated e-Warrant system to include civil and bench
22 warrants and emergency protective and domestic violence orders.

23 ➔Section 2. Using the criteria set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution, questions
24 to be addressed in the study shall include:

25 (1) What impact, if any, has the expansion of the e-Warrant system had on law
26 enforcement's ability to combat crime in counties currently taking part in the
27 Administrative Office of the Court's e-Warrant pilot program?

1 (2) What has been the cost of implementation to the counties currently taking part
2 in the Administrative Office of the Court's e-Warrant pilot program?

3 (3) What is the potential financial cost of expanding the e-Warrant system to
4 include civil and bench warrants and emergency protective and domestic violence orders
5 to all counties in Kentucky?

6 (4) What potential funding sources, if any, can be identified and are available to
7 cover the cost of expanding the e-Warrant system to the entire state?

8 ➔Section 3. LRC staff shall transmit the results of the study to the Legislative
9 Research Commission for distribution to the appropriate interim joint committee by
10 December 1, 2017.

11 ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
12 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
13 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof and to
14 designate a study completion date.