

1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission  
2 to establish the Kentucky Career and Technical Education Task Force.

3           WHEREAS, the advancement of career and technical education in Kentucky is of  
4 paramount importance for the future of the Commonwealth; and

5           WHEREAS, Kentucky's secondary-level career and technical education includes a  
6 mix of area technology centers operated by the Kentucky Department of Education, local  
7 school district-operated career and technical centers, and comprehensive high schools;

8           WHEREAS, state funding is provided for 53 area technology centers and 42 local  
9 school district-operated technical centers, but six local school district-operated technical  
10 centers receive no state funding; and

11           WHEREAS, quality career and technical education prepares Kentucky students for  
12 the 21st century workforce by meeting the needs of students in academic achievement,  
13 career exploration, career preparation, and leadership development; and

14           WHEREAS, significant increases in the number and percentage of Kentuckians  
15 who are well-prepared for the 21st century workforce will require greater efficiency and  
16 coordination across Kentucky's secondary and postsecondary systems for delivering  
17 career and technical education; and

18           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System is the  
19 primary provider of postsecondary career and technical education in Kentucky;

20           WHEREAS, a sustainable funding and an organizational structure that appropriately  
21 supports the delivery of career and technical education for traditional and nontraditional  
22 students is a shared goal of educators, students, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of  
23 Kentucky; and

24           WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes the convening of a task force is an  
25 appropriate mechanism to evaluate the delivery, structure, and funding of career and  
26 technical education in Kentucky;

27           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3       ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish  
4 the Kentucky Career and Technical Education Task Force to:

5       (1) Study the existing delivery, organizational structure, and funding mechanisms  
6 of career and technical education in Kentucky, including but not limited to area career  
7 and technical centers, local school district-operated career and technical centers,  
8 comprehensive high schools, regional academies, and the Kentucky Community and  
9 Technical College System;

10       (2) Identify promising career and technical education practices from research and  
11 other states; and

12       (3) Submit recommendations for the future of career and technical education in  
13 Kentucky.

14       ➔Section 2. The Kentucky Career and Technical Education Task Force shall be  
15 composed of the following members, with final membership of the task force being  
16 subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

17       (1) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who  
18 shall serve as co-chair;

19       (2) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
20 of the House, who shall serve as co-chair;

21       (3) The commissioner of the Department of Education;

22       (4) The president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;

23       (5) The chair of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System board of  
24 regents;

25       (6) The secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;

26       (7) The president of the Council on Postsecondary Education;

27       (8) The chair of the Kentucky Board of Education;

1           (9) The associate commissioner of the Office of Career and Technical Education  
2 of the Department of Education;

3           (10) Two members of business and industry to be submitted by the Governor; and

4           (11) Three superintendents submitted by the commissioner of education.

5           ➔Section 3. The Kentucky Career and Technical Education Task Force shall meet  
6 at least monthly during the 2019 Interim of the General Assembly. The Kentucky Career  
7 and Technical Education Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations to  
8 the Interim Joint Committee of Education at its first regularly scheduled November  
9 meeting.

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