

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission  
2 to establish the Kentucky Highway Work Zone Safety Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, highway work zone safety has long been a concern of policy makers in  
4 Kentucky. In 1996, the General Assembly established a law providing for the doubling of  
5 traffic fines in work zones; and

6 WHEREAS, Kentucky highways have seen a steady increase in traffic and highway  
7 work zone crashes in recent years. Data show that the most common crash in a highway  
8 work zone is a rear-end collision, and the most common factor is distracted driving; and

9 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration's statistics show that four out of  
10 five work zone crash victims are motorists, that a work zone accident occurs every 13  
11 minutes, and that a work zone fatality occurs every 13 hours; and

12 WHEREAS, although from 2017 to 2018 there was a decrease in work zone  
13 fatalities, there were 1,042 construction zone crashes in Kentucky in 2018, a three percent  
14 increase from the previous year;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

18 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish  
19 the Highway Work Zone Safety Task Force to evaluate and develop legislative  
20 recommendations and policy options on how to:

- 21 (1) Reduce the occurrence of highway work zone traffic accidents;
- 22 (2) Improve safety in and around highway work zones;
- 23 (3) Promote safer highway work zones; and
- 24 (4) Prompt a reduction in the number of preventable highway work zone crashes.

25 ➔Section 2. The Highway Work Zone Safety Task Force shall be composed of  
26 the following members with final membership of the task force being subject to the  
27 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

1 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House  
3 of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;

4 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor  
5 Leader of the House of Representatives;

6 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of  
7 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;

8 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the  
9 Senate;

10 (5) Two representatives from the Transportation Cabinet, designated by the  
11 secretary;

12 (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, or designee;  
13 and

14 (7) Two highway contractors, one to be chosen one by the Speaker of the House and  
15 one by the President of the Senate, from of list of five candidates submitted by the  
16 Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.

17 ➔Section 3. The task force shall meet monthly during the 2020 Interim of the  
18 General Assembly. The task force may submit findings, legislative recommendations, or a  
19 memorandum to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2020.

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