A RESOLUTION encouraging local boards of education to solicit private support to provide for bleeding control kits and training.

WHEREAS, when a person is losing blood, every minute counts, and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma is informing Americans about vital measures that can be taken to aid trauma victims; and

WHEREAS, the campaign is a collaboration of senior health care and public safety leaders inspired by the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School to improve the survival rate for victims suffering from bleeding injuries; and

WHEREAS, a trauma victim can die from loss of blood within five minutes, the campaign teaches bleeding-control methods that have been developed by the military and emergency services personnel so that citizens can function as "immediate responders" while awaiting the arrival of first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign also recommends bleeding control kits containing such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents be installed in readily accessible locations in public buildings; and

WHEREAS, installing readily accessible bleeding control kits in public school buildings and implementing quality bleeding control training can help ensure that our schools are prepared to respond swiftly and safely in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, KRS 158.4461 empowers all Kentuckians to invest in the safety of our public schools through private financial and philanthropic support; and

WHEREAS, the provision of bleeding control kits in public school buildings and quality bleeding control training for school personnel are exactly the types of school safety purposes contemplated by KRS 158.4461;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Local boards of education are encouraged to solicit private financial
and philanthropic support from local community members, health care providers, and
other sources for the provision of bleeding control kits in public school buildings and
quality bleeding control training for school personnel.

Section 2. The Kentucky House of Representatives recognizes May as Stop the
Bleed Month.

Section 3. The Clerk of the House is directed to transmit copies of this
Resolution and notification of its adoption to Kevin Brown, Interim Commissioner of the
Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Fifth Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601,
for distribution to local boards of education; the Kentucky Hospital Association, Post
Office Box 436629, Louisville, Kentucky 40253; Eric Friedlander, Acting Secretary of
the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky
40621; Steven Stack, M.D., Commissioner of the Department for Public Health, 275 East
Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621, and Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty for
distribution to the Society for Trauma Nurses.