

1 AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the
2 Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Branch Budget is as follows:

5 **PART I**

6 **OPERATING BUDGET**

7 **Funds Appropriations:** Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research
8 Commission for the Legislative Branch of government out of the General Fund and
9 Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30,
10 2021, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, in the
11 following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is
12 made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the
13 Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

	2020-21	2021-22
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15 1. General Assembly		
16 General Fund	19,020,700	21,677,100
17 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
18 TOTAL	19,095,700	21,852,100

19 **(1) Legislators Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily
20 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by
21 KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall remain at the January 1, 2020,
22 level.

23 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
24 Fund appropriation is \$567,700 in each fiscal year for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics
25 Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$75,000 in each
26 fiscal year for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

27 **(3) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS

1 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its
 2 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2020, and shall remain
 3 suspended for the 2020-2022 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
 4 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2020-
 5 2021 and fiscal year 2021-2022.

6 **(4) Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
 7 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
 8 to 6.577 on July 1, 2020.

9		2020-21	2021-22
10	2. Legislative Research Commission		
11	General Fund	52,965,700	57,976,200

12 **(1) Permanent Full-time Employees:** The total number of permanent full-time
 13 employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation,
 14 and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative
 15 Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2020-2021 and 232 in fiscal
 16 year 2021-2022. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time
 17 employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research
 18 Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned
 19 specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not
 20 exceed 10.

21 **(2) Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final
 22 issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended
 23 effective July 1, 2020.

24 **(3) Renovation Assessment:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is
 25 \$182,000 in fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$364,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to be
 26 transferred to the Finance and Administration Cabinet to support debt service on bonds
 27 authorized in 2021 Regular Session HB 192, Part II, F., 1., 007. for the Fourth Floor

1 Capitol Renovation project.

2 (4) **Full-time Work Schedule:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation
3 is \$2,900,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to implement a 40-hour work week for the
4 employees of the Legislative Research Commission beginning July 1, 2021.

5 **TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET**

	2020-21	2021-22
6 General Fund	71,986,400	79,653,300
7 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
8 TOTAL	72,061,400	79,828,300

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10 **Unexpended Balance:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance
11 remaining at the close of fiscal year 2019-2020 shall not lapse but shall continue into
12 fiscal year 2020-2021, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall
13 not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

14 **TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

	2020-21	2021-22
15 General Fund	71,986,400	79,653,300
16 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
17 TOTAL	72,061,400	79,828,300

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19 **PART II**

20 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

21 **1. Expenditure Authority:** The Director of the Legislative Research
22 Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend
23 any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful
24 manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the
25 Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state
26 government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of
27 funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of

1 government.

2 **2. Capitol and Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures:** Any
3 expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under
4 the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of
5 KRS 56.463(4)(b), or relating to the Capitol Building, and funded by previous or current
6 appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of
7 government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810,
8 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.

9 **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act
10 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be
11 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the
12 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

13 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in
14 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2020 Regular Session and 2021 Regular
15 Session of the General Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be
16 governed by KRS 48.312.

17 **5. Priority of Individual Appropriations:** KRS 48.313 shall control when a
18 total or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it
19 consists.

20 **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Notwithstanding KRS 48.630(10), no revisions
21 for unbudgeted Restricted Funds appropriations for expenditure shall be allotted or
22 expended that have not been appropriated in any enacted branch budget bill or without
23 the express authority of the General Assembly.

24 **7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of
25 stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the
26 sum of \$250 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$500. This allowance shall be
27 paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

1 **8. Issuance of Employee Paychecks:** Notwithstanding 101 KAR 2:095, Section
2 10, the state payroll that would normally be scheduled to be paid on June 30, 2020, and
3 June 30, 2021, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, respectively.

4 **9. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative
5 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary
6 adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.

7 **10. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses
8 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the
9 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and
10 21.560.

11 **11. Employee Layoffs, Furloughs, and Reduced Hours:** Notwithstanding any
12 statute to the contrary, the following process and procedure is established for July 1,
13 2020, through June 30, 2022, in the event that the Legislative Research Commission
14 (LRC) determines that it is desirable for the Director of the LRC to layoff, furlough, or
15 reduce hours of employees:

16 (1) For the purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Appointing authority" means the Director of the LRC, in his or her capacity
18 as provided in KRS 27A.010, or any agent whom he or she has delegated to act on his or
19 her behalf with respect to employee appointments, position establishments, payroll
20 documents, reemployment requests, waiver requests, requests for certification, or other
21 position actions for the LRC;

22 (b) "Furlough" or "reduction in hours" means the temporary reduction of hours an
23 employee is scheduled to work by the appointing authority within a pay period;

24 (c) "Layoff" means discharge of employment subject to the rights contained in
25 this section; and

26 (d) "Employees" includes all persons employed by the LRC;

27 (2) Upon an order by the LRC, the appointing authority has the authority to layoff

1 or furlough employees or reduce hours of employment for any of the following reasons:

- 2 (a) Lack of funds or budgetary constraints;
- 3 (b) A reduction in the agency's spending authorization;
- 4 (c) Lack of work;
- 5 (d) Abolishment of a position; or
- 6 (e) Other material change in duties or organization;

7 (3) The appointing authority shall determine the job classifications affected and
8 the number of employees laid-off in each classification to which a layoff applies. In the
9 same department or office and job classification, interim and probationary employees
10 shall be laid-off before any full-time or part-time employees are laid-off. For purposes of
11 layoff, "probationary employee" does not include an employee serving a promotional
12 probation;

13 (4) The Director of the LRC shall approve and implement all actions taken under
14 subsection (2) of this section and no such layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours may
15 begin until such approval has been granted. The Director of the LRC has the authority to
16 determine the extent, effective dates, and length of any action taken under subsection (2)
17 of this section;

18 (5) In determining the employees to be laid-off, the appointing authority shall
19 consider all employees under the same appointing authority and within the job
20 classification affected. Consideration shall be given to the following relevant factors:

- 21 (a) Job performance evaluations;
- 22 (b) Seniority;
- 23 (c) Education, training, and experience; and
- 24 (d) Disciplinary record;

25 (6) Any employee whose position is subject to layoff, furlough, or reduction of
26 hours shall be provided written notice containing the reason for the action as set forth in
27 subsection (2) of this section at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of the

1 action;

2 (7) Any employee who is laid-off shall be eligible to apply as a reemployment
3 applicant for positions with the same job classification in the LRC. For a period of two
4 years, a reemployment applicant shall be hired before any applicant except another
5 reemployment applicant with greater seniority who is on the same reemployment list.
6 When a reemployment applicant is removed from a reemployment list, he or she shall be
7 notified in writing. A reemployment applicant who accepts another LRC position, or who
8 retires, shall cease to have eligibility rights as a reemployment applicant;

9 (8) The appointing authority may place employees subject to a reduction in force;

10 (9) Furloughs or reduction of hours during a pay period shall not result in the loss
11 of eligibility for any benefit otherwise due the employee;

12 (10) The appointing authority shall have the authority to promulgate
13 comprehensive administrative regulations governing this section; and

14 (11) A layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours implemented in accordance with this
15 section shall not be considered a penalization of the employee.

16 **12. Employer Retirement Contributions:** Notwithstanding any provisions of
17 KRS 61.565 or 61.702 to the contrary, the actuarially accrued liability employer
18 contribution rate from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for nonhazardous employees
19 in the Legislative Branch departments shall be paid in installments as determined by the
20 Director of the Legislative Research Commission. In addition to these installments, the
21 normal cost contribution of 10.10 percent shall be applied to creditable compensation.
22 The installments and rates in this section apply to wages and salaries earned for work
23 performed during the described period regardless of when the employee is paid for the
24 time worked.

25 **PART III**

26 **BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN**

27 The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus

1 Expenditure Plan in accordance with KRS Chapter 48, except that obligations essential to
2 the constitutional duties of the Legislative Branch shall be exempt from any Budget
3 Reduction Plan. The level of participation in a Budget Reduction Plan shall be at the
4 discretion of the Director and shall not exceed the actual percentage of revenue shortfall.