

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. Notwithstanding KRS 48.100 and 48.300, the Legislative Branch
5 Budget is as follows:

6 **PART I**
7 **OPERATING BUDGET**

8 **Funds Appropriations:** Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research
9 Commission for the Legislative Branch of government out of the General Fund and
10 Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
11 2022, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and for the
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in the following discrete
13 sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is made by the source
14 of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the Legislative Branch
15 of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
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17 1. General Assembly			
18 General Fund	427,100	22,663,600	24,260,500
19 Restricted Funds	-0-	75,000	175,000
20 TOTAL	427,100	22,738,600	24,435,500

21 **(1) Legislators Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily
22 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by
23 KRS 6.213 for the members of the General Assembly shall be as authorized by the 2020-
24 2022 biennium and shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 2023, by the greater of the
25 salary increment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget or the
26 percent increase in the nonseasonally adjusted annual average Consumer Price Index for
27 All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, All Items, between the two (2) most

1 recent calendar years available, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor
2 Statistics.

3 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
4 Fund appropriation is \$567,700 in each fiscal year of the 2022-2024 fiscal biennium for
5 the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds
6 appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024
7 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

8 **(3) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS
9 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its
10 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2022, and shall remain
11 suspended for the 2022-2024 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
12 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2022-
13 2023 and fiscal year 2023-2024.

14 **(4) Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
15 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
16 to 6.577 on July 1, 2022.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
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18 **2. Legislative Research Commission**

19 General Fund	1,794,800	62,377,000	63,756,300
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20 **(1) Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final
21 issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended
22 effective July 1, 2022.

23 **TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET**

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
24 General Fund	2,221,900	85,040,600	88,016,800
25 Restricted Funds	-0-	75,000	175,000
26 TOTAL	2,221,900	85,115,600	88,191,800

1 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the
3 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

4 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in
5 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2022 Regular Session of the General
6 Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

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

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

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

18 **8. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative
19 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary
20 adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.

21 **9. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses
22 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the
23 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and
24 21.560.

25 **10. Employee Layoffs, Furloughs, and Reduced Hours:** Notwithstanding any
26 statute to the contrary, the following process and procedure is established for July 1,
27 2022, through June 30, 2024, in the event that the Legislative Research Commission

1 (LRC) determines that it is desirable for the Director of the LRC to layoff, furlough, or
2 reduce hours of employees:

3 (1) For the purposes of this section:

4 (a) "Appointing authority" means the Director of the LRC, in his or her capacity
5 as provided in KRS 7.090, or any agent whom he or she has delegated to act on his or her
6 behalf with respect to employee appointments, position establishments, payroll
7 documents, reemployment requests, waiver requests, requests for certification, or other
8 position actions for the LRC;

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

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

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

14 (2) Upon an order by the LRC, the appointing authority has the authority to layoff
15 or furlough employees or reduce hours of employment for any of the following reasons:

16 (a) Lack of funds or budgetary constraints;

17 (b) A reduction in the agency's spending authorization;

18 (c) Lack of work;

19 (d) Abolishment of a position; or

20 (e) Other material change in duties or organization;

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

27 (4) The Director of the LRC shall approve and implement all actions taken under

1 subsection (2) of this section and no such layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours may
2 begin until such approval has been granted. The Director of the LRC has the authority to
3 determine the extent, effective dates, and length of any action taken under subsection (2)
4 of this section;

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

- 8 (a) Job performance evaluations;
- 9 (b) Seniority;
- 10 (c) Education, training, and experience; and
- 11 (d) Disciplinary record;

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

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

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

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

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

