

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Early Childhood Education
2 Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education is something that all parents in
4 the Commonwealth desire for their children; and

5 WHEREAS, caring for and creating educational opportunities for young children is
6 critical in order for them to get the best start in life; and

7 WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrated how having adequate child care
8 is crucial to the successful operation of Kentucky's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, the current model of early childhood education in Kentucky does not
10 successfully meet the needs of families; and

11 WHEREAS, many regions in the Commonwealth are child care deserts. A child
12 care desert is an area where for every one available child care slot there are more than
13 three children waiting for that one slot; and

14 WHEREAS, a more sustainable model for early childhood education needs to be
15 created in order for Kentucky children to be ready to lead the Commonwealth into the
16 next generation;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Early
21 Childhood Education Task Force to conduct a comprehensive review of the early
22 childhood caregiving and educational structures and operations in the Commonwealth.

23 ➔Section 2. The Early Childhood Education Task Force shall study all aspects of
24 early childhood caregiving and educational structures and operations, including but not
25 limited to finances, licensure and certifications, workforce, state and federal laws and
26 regulations, capacity, quality, community education and economic factors, and parent
27 satisfaction. Additionally, the task force shall research and review various delivery

1 models of early childhood education.

2 ➔Section 3. The Early Childhood Education Task Force shall be composed of the
3 following members, with final membership of the task force being subject to the
4 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

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

7 (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the
8 Senate;

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

12 (4) One member of the House of Representative appointed by the Minority Floor
13 Leader of the House of Representatives;

14 (5) The director of the Division of Child Care, Department for Community Based
15 Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, or designee;

16 (6) The president of the Prichard Committee, or designee;

17 (7) The executive director of the Child Care Council of Kentucky, or designee;

18 (8) The executive director of the Kentucky Youth Advocates, or designee;

19 (9) The president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, or designee;

20 (10) The executive director of the Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood,
21 or designee;

22 (11) Five members, representing each of the five Kentucky early childhood
23 regional training centers in the state, who each operate a Kentucky licensed child-caring
24 facility, appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from lists of two names each
25 provided by the five executive directors of the Kentucky early childhood regional training
26 centers; and

27 (12) One member who operates a Kentucky certified family child-care home,

1 appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from a list of two names provided by
2 the Family Child Care Network of Kentucky.

3 ➔Section 4. The Early Childhood Education Task Force shall meet monthly
4 during the 2022 interim of the General Assembly and shall submit findings and
5 recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate
6 committee or committees by December 1, 2022.

7 ➔Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
8 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
9 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
10 designate a study completion date.