

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing a study to examine and evaluate the
2 existing public funding and efficacy of workforce education and development programs
3 in the Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's most valuable economic development tool is its
5 citizens, and an employer's most valuable resource is its workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, employees with superior education, training, and skills are necessary
7 for employers to compete in the global economy; and

8 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has experienced an economic downturn since the
9 COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, and employers across the Commonwealth are struggling to
10 find employees; and

11 WHEREAS, every effort should be made to ensure employers and employees have
12 access to world-class workforce education and development programs;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

16 ➔Section 1. (1) The Legislative Research Commission shall hire a consultant
17 or group with expertise in gathering and analyzing data, researching trends, and studying
18 economic issues, or alternatively may assign the study to the Legislative Oversight and
19 Investigations Committee, to examine whether the current workforce education and
20 development programs are meeting:

21 (a) The funding sources and efficacy of each program's benchmarks;

22 (b) The legal benchmarks for each program;

23 (c) Certain performance and financial benchmarks as determined by an expert in
24 the field; and

25 (d) The needs of existing and future employers in the Commonwealth.

26 (2) The entity conducting the study shall submit a study plan including the costs
27 and scope of the work with benchmark measurements to the Legislative Research

1 Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce
2 Investment for approval before commencing in-depth analysis of the issue, by July 31,
3 2022.

4 (3) The entity conducting the study shall report a comprehensive study with
5 findings and recommendations to the Interim Joint Committee on Economic
6 Development and Workforce Investment and the Legislative Research Commission by
7 December 1, 2022. The Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and
8 Workforce Investment shall submit a memorandum on their findings and
9 recommendations of the study to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1,
10 2023.

11 ➔Section 2. Provisions of this Concurrent Resolution to the contrary
12 notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to
13 alternatively assign the issues identified in this Concurrent Resolution to an alternative
14 interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate an alternative study
15 completion date.