

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Executive Branch Efficiency
2 Task Force to study the effectiveness of current executive branch cabinet working
3 procedures for administering services to citizens of the Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, efficiency in government is the cornerstone of trust and satisfaction
5 between the government and its people; and

6 WHEREAS, at times, multiple government agencies have overlapping jurisdiction,
7 leading to confusion as to who is in charge and who is responsible for delivering essential
8 services to the populace; and

9 WHEREAS, countless studies and recommendations have been conducted and
10 offered to reduce inefficiency and backlogs in providing essential government services. A
11 recent 2021 Government Accountability Office study identified 112 actions Congress or
12 executive branch agencies could take to improve efficiency and effectiveness in
13 government. In some of those areas, it identified fragmentation, overlap, or duplication in
14 government missions and functions; and

15 WHEREAS, a study identifying areas where Kentucky can improve efficiency in
16 administering much needed services to its citizens would serve as a useful tool in
17 ensuring the citizens of this Commonwealth receive the benefits to which they are
18 entitled;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Executive
23 Branch Efficiency Task Force. The task force shall investigate and make
24 recommendations regarding:

25 (1) The structure of executive branch cabinets and agencies, particularly the
26 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Local Government, and the
27 Transportation Cabinet;

1 (2) The effectiveness of the current cabinet and agency structures in delivering
2 essential government services to the citizens of this Commonwealth;

3 (3) The allocation of work and responsibility of executive branch cabinets and
4 agencies among their employees;

5 (4) Any procedures that have been adopted in other states with similar executive
6 branch structures to facilitate a more streamlined, efficient, and accountable process for
7 administering services; and

8 (5) The potential division, realignment, consolidation, or placement under the
9 authority of independent boards of individual cabinets.

10 ➔Section 2. (1) The task force shall be composed of the following 16
11 members with final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and
12 approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

13 (a) Eight members from the House of Representatives, of which the Speaker of
14 the House of Representatives shall appoint six members from the majority party and two
15 members from the minority party; and

16 (b) Eight members from the Senate, of which the President of the Senate shall
17 appoint six members from the majority party and two members from the minority party.

18 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate
19 shall each select a co-chair of the task force from the selected members of their respective
20 chambers.

21 ➔Section 3. The task force shall meet at least monthly during the 2022 Interim of
22 the General Assembly and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the
23 Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees
24 by December 1, 2022.

25 ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
26 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
27 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to

- 1 designate a study completion date.