

1           A RESOLUTION encouraging the Interim Joint Committee on Economic  
2 Development and Workforce Investment to address cybersecurity challenges and  
3 associated workforce opportunities.

4           WHEREAS, the protection of information and data is paramount to the integrity of  
5 businesses, as well as federal, state, and local agencies in the state of Kentucky; and

6           WHEREAS, accelerated adoption of cybersecurity systems in Kentucky by  
7 combining assets of state and federal agencies, private sector companies, and academia is  
8 critical to address the protection of information and data; and

9           WHEREAS, nonacademic training, upskilling, and reskilling is a critical need to  
10 complement existing academic programs at higher education institutions; and

11           WHEREAS, growing existing and new academic programs at all levels, including  
12 K-12 education within Kentucky, is needed to develop a workforce to address current and  
13 future needs in cybersecurity; and

14           WHEREAS, state and other academic interests shall come together to maximize the  
15 receipt of federal funds through grants for research and workforce development that can  
16 help protect information and data in Kentucky and make Kentucky a leader in  
17 cybersecurity practices; and

18           WHEREAS, a determination must be made for the need of a centrally driven public  
19 private partnership located in Kentucky to direct, manage, and develop a Kentucky  
20 master plan to protect our businesses, develop a cyber innovation ecosystem, develop  
21 cyber resources for agencies and businesses, coordinate with all interested parties, and  
22 build a network for us to achieve these goals; and

23           NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
25 ***Kentucky:***

26           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize the need for the  
27 Commonwealth to address cybersecurity challenges associated with workforce

1 opportunities.

2       ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate hereby encourage the Interim Joint  
3 committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment to invite all interested  
4 parties, including federal agencies, state and local agencies, private companies,  
5 nongovernmental organizations, and academia of in Kentucky to present ideas to address  
6 cybersecurity challenges and associated workforce opportunities to committee members  
7 during the 2023 Interim of the General Assembly.

8       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this  
9 Resolution to the Legislative Research Commission and the esteemed chairs of the  
10 Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment.