

1 A RESOLUTION urging elementary and secondary schools to include information
2 about type 1 diabetes if they provide health-related information to the parents or legal
3 guardians of students in grades K-12.

4 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the
5 number of young people in Kentucky and the United States with type 1 diabetes is
6 expected to increase more rapidly in the future, possibly by as much as 65 percent in the
7 next 40 years; and

8 WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease for which medical guidelines
9 published by the American Diabetes Association recommend proactive screening to
10 detect and identify the risk of developing the disease as a means to prevent diabetic
11 ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening complication associated with type 1 diabetes, and
12 other costly medical events associated with a type 1 diabetes diagnosis; and

13 WHEREAS, Kentucky's 2021 Diabetes Report finds that DKA, a complication of
14 diabetes in which ketones or fatty acids builds up in the blood due to a lack of insulin,
15 accounted for 34 percent of all hospitalizations with an average hospital stay of three
16 days, an average charge of \$23,901, and a total average billed charges of \$93,117,008 for
17 Kentucky's Medicaid program; and

18 WHEREAS, youth diabetes represents the second most costly condition covered by
19 Kentucky's Medicaid program, with an annual average cost per patient of \$3,922 per year
20 in 2021; and

21 WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of type 1 diabetes, a lifelong autoimmune
22 condition requiring the daily use of insulin injections and other costly medical
23 interventions, presents a unique public health and health financing challenge to the
24 Commonwealth of Kentucky;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
27 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby urge
2 elementary and secondary schools that provide information related to medication policy
3 or other school health issues at the beginning of each school year to the parents or legal
4 guardians of students in grades K-12 to include:

5 (1) A description of type 1 diabetes;

6 (2) A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with type 1
7 diabetes;

8 (3) A recommendation that the parents or guardians of students displaying
9 warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes should consult with the student's primary
10 care provider to determine if immediate screening for type 1 diabetes is appropriate;

11 (4) A description of the screening process for type 1 diabetes and the significance
12 of stage 1, stage 2, and stage 3; and

13 (5) A recommendation that following a type 1 diabetes diagnosis, parents or
14 guardians should consult with the pupil's primary care provider to develop an appropriate
15 treatment plan.

16 ➔Section 2. The Department of Education in cooperation with the Department for
17 Public Health is encouraged to develop and make available the information described in
18 Section 1 of this Act.