

1 AN ACT relating to the Legislative Research Commission.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 6.905 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) **(a)** There is created a Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee which  
5 shall be a permanent standing committee of the General Assembly, consisting  
6 of eight (8) members of the Senate, six (6) of whom shall be appointed by the  
7 President and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of  
8 the Senate, and eight (8) members of the House of Representatives, six (6) of  
9 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and two (2) of whom shall be  
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. At least  
11 one (1) appointee by each appointive authority shall be a member of the  
12 Senate or House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue.

13 **(b) *The members of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee***  
14 ***shall be appointed in January of each odd-numbered year for a two (2) year***  
15 ***term.***

16 **(c) *Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the committee shall be***  
17 ***filled within thirty (30) days of occurrence, in the same manner as the***  
18 ***original appointment, and for the balance of the vacated member's term.***

19 (2) The President and the Speaker shall each appoint a co-chair and vice chair from  
20 their respective bodies. The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for committee  
21 meeting agendas and presiding at committee meetings. On an alternating basis, each  
22 co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly meeting date. A monthly  
23 meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-chairs. A majority of the entire  
24 membership of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee shall  
25 constitute a quorum, and all actions of the committee shall be by vote of a majority  
26 of its entire membership.

27 (3) Each member of the committee shall receive the same travel allowances and

1 compensation for attending interim meetings of the committee as are received by  
2 members of subcommittees of the Legislative Research Commission under KRS  
3 7.090(3).

4 ➔Section 2. KRS 7.200 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity is hereby established within  
6 the legislative department of state government. The purpose of the commission  
7 shall be to conduct studies and research on issues where disparities may exist across  
8 the sectors of educational equity, child welfare, health, economic opportunity,  
9 juvenile justice, criminal justice, and any other sectors that are deemed relevant in  
10 an effort to identify areas of improvement in providing services and opportunities  
11 for minority communities.

12 (2) (a) The commission shall be composed of the following thirteen (13) members:

13 ~~1.~~~~(a)~~ One (1) member appointed by the President of the Senate and the  
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of three (3) names  
15 provided by the Prosecutors Advisory Council;

16 ~~2.~~~~(b)~~ Four (4) members of the Senate, two (2) of whom shall be  
17 appointed by the Senate President, and two (2) of whom shall be  
18 appointed by the Senate Minority Floor Leader;

19 ~~3.~~~~(c)~~ Four (4) members of the House of Representatives, two (2) of  
20 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two (2) of  
21 whom shall be appointed by the House Minority Floor Leader; and

22 ~~4.~~~~(d)~~ Four (4) members from the private and nonprofit sectors,  
23 universities, or local governments who have expertise in social policy  
24 related to education, health, economic development, or the law and who  
25 shall be appointed for up to two (2) consecutive, three (3) year terms by  
26 the following:

27 ~~a.~~~~(1)~~ One (1) shall be appointed by the Senate President;

1                    ~~b.~~<sup>[2.]</sup>        One (1) shall be appointed by the Senate Minority Floor  
2                    Leader;

3                    ~~c.~~<sup>[3.]</sup>        One (1) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

4                    ~~d.~~<sup>[4.]</sup>        One (1) shall be appointed by the House Minority Floor  
5                    Leader.

6                    **(b) The legislative members of the commission appointed under subparagraphs**  
7                    **2. and 3. of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be appointed in January**  
8                    **of each odd-numbered year for a two (2) year term.**

9                    (3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint one (1)  
10                    co-chair of the commission from among that chamber's members appointed to the  
11                    commission.

12                    (4) Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled  
13                    **within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as**~~by the~~  
14                    ~~appointing authority who made~~ the original appointment, **and for the balance of**  
15                    **the vacated member's term.**

16                    (5) The commission shall have the authority to:

17                    (a) Hold monthly meetings during the interim meeting period of the General  
18                    Assembly;

19                    (b) Seek comment, testimony, documents, records, or other information from  
20                    various government agencies and organizations representing the public to  
21                    address existing and potential barriers to minority success and empowerment;  
22                    and

23                    (c) Provide research-driven policy proposals and actionable items when areas of  
24                    improvement are identified.

25                    (6) A majority of the entire membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

26                    (7) The Legislative Research Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the  
27                    employment of personnel necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 (8) The commission shall publish and submit an annual report to the Legislative  
2 Research Commission with recommendations on any potential legislative or  
3 administrative actions with respect to their findings.

4 ➔Section 3. KRS 7A.110 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The Capital Planning Advisory Board of the Kentucky General Assembly shall  
6 consist of sixteen (16) members. The manner of appointment and terms of the  
7 members of the board shall be as follows:

8 (a) Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Governor to represent the  
9 executive branch of state government. These members shall serve for a term  
10 of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed.

11 (b) Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
12 Court to represent the judicial branch of state government. These members  
13 shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are  
14 appointed.

15 (c) Four (4) members shall represent the legislative branch of state government  
16 and shall be appointed **for terms of two (2) years** and serve as follows:

17 1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two (2)  
18 members **in January of each odd-numbered year,** ~~each of whom shall~~  
19 ~~serve while a member of the House for the term for which he has been~~  
20 ~~elected, and~~ one (1) of whom shall be designated co-chair; and

21 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two (2) members **in January**  
22 **of each odd-numbered year,** ~~each of whom shall serve while a member~~  
23 ~~of the Senate for the term for which he has been elected, and~~ one (1) of  
24 whom shall be designated co-chair.

25 (d) Four (4) public members shall be appointed from the Commonwealth at large,  
26 one (1) by the Governor, one (1) by the Chief Justice, one (1) by the President  
27 of the Senate, and one (1) by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1           The public members shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their  
2           successors are appointed.

3       (2) Any vacancy *which may occur in the membership of*~~on~~ the board shall be filled  
4       *within thirty (30) days of the occurrence*, in the same manner as the original  
5       appointment, *and for the balance of the vacated member's term*.

6       (3) The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for board meeting agendas and  
7       presiding at board meetings.

8       (4) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly  
9       meeting date. A monthly meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-chairs.  
10      The board shall meet at least twice during each calendar year.

11      (5) Members of the board shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in  
12      the performance of their duties.

13      (6) A majority of the entire membership of the Capital Planning Advisory Board shall  
14      constitute a quorum, and all actions of the board shall be by vote of a majority of its  
15      entire membership.

16      ➔Section 4. KRS 7A.185 is amended to read as follows:

17      (1) The ~~Investments in Information~~ Technology ~~Improvement and Modernization~~  
18      ~~Projects~~ Oversight *Committee*~~Board~~ is hereby established and shall consist of six  
19      (6) members to be appointed *as follows*~~in accordance with the following~~:

20      (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three (3) current  
21      members of the House of Representatives, one (1) of whom shall be  
22      designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of the three (3) members shall  
23      represent the minority party;

24      (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint three (3) current members of the  
25      Senate, one (1) of whom shall be designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of  
26      the three (3) members shall represent the minority party;~~and~~

27      (c) All members shall be active members of the Kentucky General Assembly

- 1           during their terms of appointment; and
- 2           (d) All members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be appointed in
- 3           January of each odd-numbered year for a two (2) year term.
- 4       (2) Any vacancy on the committee~~[board]~~ shall be filled in the same manner as the
- 5       original appointment, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, and the newly
- 6       appointed member shall serve for the balance of the vacated member's term.
- 7       (3) The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for committee~~[board]~~ meetings,
- 8       agendas, and presiding at committee~~[board]~~ meetings.
- 9       (4) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the~~[monthly]~~
- 10      meeting date. A~~[monthly]~~ meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-
- 11      chairs. The committee~~[board]~~ shall meet at least twice during each calendar year.
- 12      (5) Members of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses
- 13      incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 14      (6) A majority of the entire membership of the committee~~[board]~~ shall constitute a
- 15      quorum, and all actions of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be by vote of a majority of its
- 16      entire membership.
- 17      (7) The purpose of the committee~~[board]~~ is to:
- 18      (a) Review investment and funding strategies for projects to improve or
- 19      modernize state agency information technology systems, including:
- 20          1. Legacy systems~~:[system projects and]~~
- 21          2. Cybersecurity systems~~[projects]~~; and
- 22          3.~~[2.]~~The current and ongoing operation and maintenance of state agency
- 23          information technology systems of applications~~[resources]~~;
- 24      (b) Determine the appropriate organizational structure for deployment of
- 25      technology across the Commonwealth; and
- 26      (c) Review the latest information technology developments trending across the
- 27      nation.

1        ➔Section 5. KRS 7A.220 is amended to read as follows:

2        (1) The Public Pension Oversight Board shall be composed of the following twenty-  
3        three (23) members:

4        (a) 1. Four (4) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of  
5        the House of Representatives~~[, each of whom shall serve while a~~  
6        ~~member of the House for the term for which he or she has been elected],~~  
7        one (1) of whom shall be the chair or a vice chair of the House Standing  
8        Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; and

9        2. Two (2) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of  
10       the House of Representatives,~~[ each of whom shall serve while a~~  
11       ~~member of the House for the term for which he or she has been elected,~~  
12       ~~and who]~~ each ***of whom*** shall be selected to ensure ***that*** representation  
13       on the board by House members of the General Assembly is in closer  
14       proportion to the representation of each political party in the House of  
15       Representatives.

16       ~~[Of]~~The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph ***shall be appointed in***  
17       ***January of each odd-numbered year for a two (2) year term, and*** the  
18       Speaker shall designate one (1) as co-chair of the board;

19       (b) 1. Four (4) members of the General Assembly appointed by the President  
20       of the Senate~~[, each of whom shall serve while a member of the Senate~~  
21       ~~for the term for which he or she has been elected],~~ one (1) of whom shall  
22       be the chair or a vice chair of the Senate Standing Committee on  
23       Appropriations and Revenue; and

24       2. Two (2) members of the General Assembly appointed by the President  
25       of the Senate,~~[ each of whom shall serve while a member of the Senate~~  
26       ~~for the term for which he or she has been elected, and who]~~ each ***of***  
27       ***whom*** shall be selected to ensure ***that*** representation on the board by

1 Senate members of the General Assembly is in closer proportion to the  
2 representation of each political party in the Senate.

3 ~~{Of}~~The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph **shall be appointed in**  
4 **January of each odd-numbered year for a two (2) year term, and** the  
5 President shall designate one (1) as co-chair of the board;

6 (c) Two (2) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Minority Floor  
7 Leader of the Senate **in January of each odd-numbered year for a two (2)**  
8 **year term**~~[, who shall serve while a member of the Senate for the term for~~  
9 ~~which he or she has been elected];~~

10 (d) Two (2) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Minority Floor  
11 Leader of the House of Representatives **appointed in January of each odd-**  
12 **numbered year for a two (2) year term**~~[, who shall serve while a member of~~  
13 ~~the House for the term for which he or she has been elected];~~

14 (e) One (1) individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
15 who shall be certified as a chartered financial analyst (CFA) with at least ten  
16 (10) years of investment experience or who shall possess at least ten (10)  
17 years of retirement experience as defined by subsection (2) of this section;

18 (f) One (1) individual appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall be  
19 certified as a chartered financial analyst (CFA) with at least ten (10) years of  
20 investment experience or who shall possess at least ten (10) years of  
21 retirement experience as defined by subsection (2) of this section;

22 (g) The state budget director or his or her designee;

23 (h) The Auditor of Public Accounts or his or her designee;

24 (i) The Attorney General or his or her designee; and

25 (j) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Governor, one (1) of whom shall be  
26 certified as a chartered financial analyst (CFA) with at least ten (10) years of  
27 investment experience and one (1) of whom shall possess at least ten (10)



1           years of retirement experience as defined by subsection (2) of this section.

2   (2) For purposes of this section, "retirement experience" means:

3       (a) Experience in retirement or pension plan management;

4       (b) A certified public accountant with relevant experience in retirement or  
5           pension plan accounting;

6       (c) An actuary with relevant experience in retirement or pension plan consulting;

7       (d) An attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with  
8           relevant experience in retirement or pension plans; or

9       (e) A current or former university professor whose primary area of emphasis is  
10           economics or finance.

11   (3) Individuals appointed under subsection (1)(e), (f), and (j) of this section shall not:

12       (a) Be a member of the General Assembly;

13       (b) Be employed by a state agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or  
14           receiving a contractual payment for services rendered to a state agency of the  
15           Commonwealth of Kentucky that would conflict with his or her service to the  
16           board; or

17       (c) Serve more than three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms on the board.

18   (4) Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the board shall be filled **within**  
19       **thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as** ~~by the appointing~~  
20       ~~authority who made~~ the original appointment, **and for the balance of the vacated**  
21       **member's term.**

22   (5) Individuals appointed under subsection (1)(e), (f), and (j) of this section shall serve  
23       a term of four (4) years.

24       ➔Section 6. KRS 13A.020 is amended to read as follows:

25   (1) **(a)** There is hereby created a permanent subcommittee of the Legislative  
26       Research Commission to be known as the Administrative Regulation Review  
27       Subcommittee.

1       **(b)** The subcommittee shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed **in**  
 2       **January of each odd-numbered year** as follows: three (3) members of the  
 3       Senate appointed by the President; one (1) member of the minority party in  
 4       the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader in the Senate; three (3)  
 5       members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
 6       House of Representatives; and one (1) member of the minority party in the  
 7       House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader in the  
 8       House of Representatives. The members of the subcommittee shall serve for  
 9       terms of two (2) years, and the **President of the Senate and Speaker of the**  
 10       **House of Representatives**~~[members appointed from each chamber]~~ shall **each**  
 11       **appoint**~~[elect]~~ one (1) member **of the subcommittee** from their chamber to  
 12       serve as co-chair.

13       **(c)** Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the subcommittee shall be  
 14       filled **within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in**~~[by]~~ the same **manner**  
 15       **as**~~[appointing authority who made]~~ the original appointment, **and for the**  
 16       **balance of the vacated member's term.**

17       (2) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly  
 18       meeting date. A monthly meeting may be rescheduled by agreement of both co-  
 19       chairs. The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for subcommittee meeting  
 20       agendas and presiding at subcommittee meetings. The members of the  
 21       subcommittee shall be compensated for attending meetings, as provided in KRS  
 22       7.090(3).

23       (3) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by the subcommittee shall  
 24       be provided in accordance with the provisions of KRS 7.090(4) and (5).

25       (4) A majority of the entire membership of the Administrative Regulation Review  
 26       Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum, and all actions of the subcommittee shall  
 27       be by vote of a majority of its entire membership.

1           ➔Section 7. KRS 15A.063 is amended to read as follows:

- 2       (1) The Juvenile Justice Oversight Council is created for the purpose of providing  
3       independent review of the state juvenile justice system and providing  
4       recommendations to the General Assembly. The council shall actively review the  
5       implementation of all juvenile justice reforms enacted by the General Assembly,  
6       collect and review performance measurement data, and continue to review the  
7       juvenile justice system for changes that improve public safety, hold youth  
8       accountable, provide better outcomes for children and families, and control juvenile  
9       justice costs.
- 10      (2) (a) The membership of the council shall include the following:
- 11           1. The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, ex officio;
  - 12           2. The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health,  
13           Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, ex officio;
  - 14           3. The commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services, ex  
15           officio;
  - 16           4. The commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice, ex officio;
  - 17           5. The commissioner of the Department of Education, ex officio;
  - 18           6. The director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, ex officio;
  - 19           7. The Public Advocate, ex officio;
  - 20           8. The Senate chair of the Committee on Judiciary, nonvoting ex officio;
  - 21           9. The House chair of the Committee on Judiciary, nonvoting ex officio;
  - 22           10. One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate,  
23           and one (1) member of the minority party in the Senate appointed by the  
24           Minority Floor Leader in the Senate, who shall serve as ex officio,  
25           nonvoting members for the duration of the terms for which they were  
26           elected;
  - 27           11. One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the

- 1 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one (1) member of the  
2 minority party in the House of Representatives appointed by the  
3 Minority Floor Leader in the House of Representatives, who shall serve  
4 as ex officio, nonvoting members for the duration of the terms for which  
5 they were elected; and
- 6 12. Five (5) at-large members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
- 7 a. One (1) member representing public schools or an education group  
8 or organization;
- 9 b. One (1) District Judge nominated by the Chief Justice of the  
10 Kentucky Supreme Court;
- 11 c. One (1) member representing law enforcement;
- 12 d. One (1) member of the County Attorneys' Association nominated  
13 by the Attorney General; and
- 14 e. One (1) member representing community-based organizations,  
15 whether for-profit or nonprofit, with experience in programs for  
16 juveniles, including substance abuse prevention and treatment,  
17 case management, mental health, or counseling.
- 18 (b) 1. The chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees shall serve as  
19 co-chairs.
- 20 2. *The legislative members appointed pursuant to subsection (2)(a)10.*  
21 *and 11. of this section shall be appointed in January of each odd-*  
22 *numbered year for a two (2) year term.*
- 23 (c) At-large members shall be appointed by August 1, 2022, shall serve a term of  
24 two (2) years, and may be reappointed.
- 25 (d) Each ex officio member, except for legislative members, may designate a  
26 proxy by written notice to the council prior to call of order of each meeting,  
27 and the proxy shall be entitled to participate as a full voting member.

1 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, members shall not be compensated for  
2 being members of the council but shall be reimbursed for ordinary travel  
3 expenses, including meals and lodging, incurred while performing council  
4 business.

5 (f) The council shall meet at least quarterly. A quorum, consisting of a majority  
6 of the membership of the council, shall be required for the transaction of  
7 business. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair, or upon the written  
8 request of two (2) members to the chair.

9 **(g) Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the council shall be filled**  
10 **within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as the**  
11 **original appointment, and for the balance of the vacated member's term.**

12 (3) The council shall:

13 (a) Review the implementation of the reforms enacted by the General Assembly;

14 (b) Review performance measures and recommend modifications;

15 (c) Review all policies to confirm implementation as established by legislation  
16 enacted by the General Assembly and administrative regulations promulgated  
17 thereunder;

18 (d) Review the fiscal incentive program established pursuant to KRS 15A.062;

19 (e) Collect and review performance data and recommend any additional  
20 performance measures needed to identify outcomes in the juvenile justice  
21 system;

22 (f) Review the information received from the Department of Education pursuant  
23 to KRS 156.095, and determine whether any action is necessary, including  
24 additional performance measures, funding, or legislation;

25 (g) Continue review of juvenile justice areas determined appropriate by the  
26 council, including:

27 1. Status offense reform;

- 1           2. Necessary training for school resource officers as defined in KRS
- 2           158.441, in juvenile justice best practices, research, and impacts on
- 3           recidivism and long-term outcomes;
- 4           3. Graduated sanctions protocols in public schools, including their current
- 5           use and their development statewide;
- 6           4. A minimum age of criminal responsibility;
- 7           5. Competency;
- 8           6. Reforms to the family resource and youth service centers in the Cabinet
- 9           for Health and Family Services;
- 10          7. Population levels in Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and the
- 11          potential for closure of facilities while maintaining staffing ratios
- 12          necessary to comply with applicable accreditation standards; and
- 13          8. Whether juvenile court hearings should be open to the public;
- 14       (h) Review and make recommendations regarding:
  - 15           1. The structure and staffing of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
  - 16           2. Training of juvenile justice staff;
  - 17           3. The adequacy of current programs and facilities operated by the
  - 18           Department of Juvenile Justice;
  - 19           4. Best practices in juvenile justice programs and facilities; and
  - 20           5. Other topics as determined by the council; and
- 21       (i) Report by December 1, 2023, and by December 1 of each year thereafter, to
- 22       the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary and the Governor and make
- 23       recommendations to the General Assembly for any additional legislative
- 24       changes the council determines appropriate.
- 25       (4) The council shall be attached to the Legislative Research Commission for
- 26       administrative purposes.
- 27       (5) The council shall terminate on July 1, 2030, unless the General Assembly extends

1 the term of the council.

2 ➔Section 8. KRS 45.790 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) There is created a permanent subcommittee of the Legislative Research  
 4 Commission to be known as the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.  
 5 The subcommittee shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed as follows:  
 6 three (3) members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; one (1)  
 7 member of the minority party in the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader  
 8 in the Senate; three (3) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
 9 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one (1) member of the minority party  
 10 in the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader in the  
 11 House of Representatives. The members of the subcommittee shall **be appointed in**  
 12 **January of each odd-numbered year and** serve for terms of two (2) years.~~[, and]~~  
 13 The **President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of**  
 14 **Representatives**~~[members appointed from each chamber]~~ shall **each appoint**~~[elect]~~  
 15 one (1) member **of the subcommittee** from their chamber to serve as co-chair. Any  
 16 vacancy which may occur in the membership of the subcommittee shall be filled  
 17 **within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as**~~[by the~~  
 18 ~~appointing authority who made]~~ the original appointment, **and for the balance of**  
 19 **the vacated member's term.**
- 20 (2) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly  
 21 meeting date. A monthly meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-chairs.  
 22 The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for subcommittee meeting agendas  
 23 and presiding at subcommittee meetings. The members of the subcommittee shall  
 24 be compensated for attending meetings as provided in KRS 7.090(3).
- 25 (3) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by the subcommittee shall  
 26 be provided in accordance with KRS 7.090(4) and (5).
- 27 (4) A majority of the entire membership of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight

1 Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all actions of the subcommittee shall be  
2 by vote of a majority of its entire membership.

3 ➔Section 9. KRS 45A.705 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is hereby created a permanent committee of the Legislative Research  
5 Commission to be known as the Government Contract Review Committee. The  
6 committee shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed as follows: three (3)  
7 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; one (1) member of  
8 the minority party in the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader in the  
9 Senate; three (3) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one (1) member of the minority party  
11 in the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader in the  
12 House of Representatives. Members shall **be appointed in January of each odd-**  
13 **numbered year and** serve for terms of two (2) years. ~~[-, and] The **President of the**~~  
14 ~~**Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives** [members appointed from~~  
15 ~~each chamber]~~ shall elect one (1) member **of the committee** from their chamber to  
16 serve as co-chair. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the committee  
17 shall be filled **within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as** ~~[by~~  
18 ~~the appointing authority who made]~~ the original appointment, **and for the balance**  
19 **of the vacated member's term.**
- 20 (2) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly  
21 meeting date. A monthly meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-chairs.  
22 The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for committee meeting agendas and  
23 presiding at committee meetings. A majority of the entire membership of the  
24 Government Contract Review Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all actions  
25 of the committee shall be by vote of a majority of its entire membership. The  
26 members of the committee shall be compensated for attending meetings, as  
27 provided in KRS 7.090(3).



- 1 (3) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by the committee shall be  
2 provided in accordance with the provisions of KRS 7.090(4) and (5).
- 3 (4) All proposed personal service contracts, tax incentive agreements, and memoranda  
4 of agreement received by the Legislative Research Commission shall be submitted  
5 to the committee to:
- 6 (a) Examine the stated need for the service or benefit to the Commonwealth of  
7 the motion picture or entertainment production;
- 8 (b) Examine whether the service could or should be performed by state personnel,  
9 for personal service contracts and memoranda of agreement;
- 10 (c) Examine the amount and duration of the contract or agreement; and
- 11 (d) Examine the appropriateness of any exchange of resources or responsibilities.
- 12 (5) The committee shall review a personal service contract, tax incentive agreement, or  
13 memorandum of agreement submitted to the Legislative Research Commission  
14 within forty-five (45) days of the date received.
- 15 (6) If the committee determines that the contract service or agreement, other than:
- 16 (a) A contract necessary in the exercise of the enumerated powers specifically  
17 granted to the Governor pursuant to Sections 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, and 80 of the  
18 Constitution of Kentucky or any subsequent amendments to the Constitution  
19 of Kentucky which specifically designate enumerated powers to the  
20 Governor; or
- 21 (b) An emergency contract approved by the secretary of the Finance and  
22 Administration Cabinet or his or her designee;
- 23 is not needed or inappropriate, the motion picture or entertainment production is not  
24 beneficial or is inappropriate, the service could or should be performed by state  
25 personnel, the amount or duration is excessive, or the exchange of resources or  
26 responsibilities are inappropriate, the committee shall attach a written notation of its  
27 nonbinding recommendations regarding the personal service contract, tax incentive

1 agreement, or memorandum of agreement and shall forward the personal service  
2 contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement to the State  
3 Treasurer or his or her designee.

4 (7) Upon receipt of the committee's nonbinding recommendations regarding a personal  
5 service contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement, the State  
6 Treasurer or his or her designee shall determine whether the personal service  
7 contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement shall:

8 (a) 1. Be revised by the Treasurer and returned to the secretary of the Finance  
9 and Administration Cabinet or his or her designee; and

10 2. The Finance and Administration Cabinet or designee shall either:

11 a. Issue the contract with the Treasurer's revisions; or

12 b. Cancel the contract;

13 (b) Be canceled and, if applicable, payment allowed for services rendered under  
14 the contract or amendment; or

15 (c) Remain effective as originally submitted.

16 (8) If the committee determines that the contract executed pursuant to subsection (6)(a)  
17 or (b) of this section is not needed or inappropriate, the motion picture or  
18 entertainment production is not beneficial or is inappropriate, the service could or  
19 should be performed by state personnel, the amount or duration is excessive, or the  
20 exchange of resources or responsibilities are inappropriate, the committee shall  
21 attach a written notation of its nonbinding recommendations regarding the personal  
22 service contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement and shall  
23 return the personal service contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of  
24 agreement to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his or her  
25 designee.

26 (9) Upon receipt of the committee's nonbinding recommendations regarding a personal  
27 service contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement executed

1 pursuant to subsection (6)(a) or (b) of this section, the secretary of the Finance and  
2 Administration Cabinet or his or her designee shall determine whether the personal  
3 service contract, tax incentive agreement, or memorandum of agreement shall:

- 4 (a) Be revised to comply with the objections of the committee;  
5 (b) Be canceled and, if applicable, payment allowed for services rendered under  
6 the contract or amendment; or  
7 (c) Remain effective as originally submitted.

8 (10) Contracting bodies shall make annual reports to the committee not later than  
9 December 1 of each year. The committee shall establish reporting procedures for  
10 contracting bodies related to personal service contracts, tax incentive agreements,  
11 and memoranda of agreement submitted by the secretary of the Finance and  
12 Administration Cabinet or his or her designee.

13 ➔Section 10. KRS 158.647 is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) A permanent subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission to be known  
15 as the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee is hereby  
16 created. The subcommittee shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed as  
17 follows: three (3) members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;  
18 one (1) member of the minority party in the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor  
19 Leader in the Senate; three (3) members of the House of Representatives appointed  
20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one (1) member of the  
21 minority party in the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor  
22 Leader in the House of Representatives. Members of the subcommittee shall ***be***  
23 ***appointed in January of each odd-numbered year and shall*** serve for terms of two  
24 (2) years. ~~and~~ The ***President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of***  
25 ***Representatives*** ~~members appointed from each chamber~~ shall ***each appoint*** ~~elect~~  
26 one (1) member ***of the subcommittee*** from their chamber to serve as co-chair. The  
27 co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for subcommittee meeting agendas and

1 presiding at subcommittee meetings. A majority of the entire membership of the  
2 Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee shall constitute a  
3 quorum, and all actions of the subcommittee shall be by vote of a majority of its  
4 entire membership. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the  
5 subcommittee shall be filled within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same  
6 manner as ~~by the same appointing authority who made~~ the original appointment,  
7 and for the balance of the vacated member's term.

8 (2) The subcommittee shall review administrative regulations and advise the Kentucky  
9 Board of Education concerning the implementation of the state system of  
10 assessment and accountability, established in KRS 158.6453, 158.6455, and  
11 158.782, and for any administrative regulation promulgated under provisions of  
12 KRS 158.860.

13 (3) The subcommittee shall advise and monitor the Office of Education Accountability  
14 in the performance of its duties according to the provisions of KRS 7.410.

15 (4) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the monthly  
16 meeting date. A monthly meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-chairs.  
17 The members of the subcommittee shall be compensated for attending meetings as  
18 provided in KRS 7.090.

19 (5) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by the subcommittee shall  
20 be provided in accordance with the provisions of KRS 7.090.

21 ➔Section 11. KRS 248.723 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) There is created a permanent subcommittee of the Legislative Research  
23 Commission to be known as the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight  
24 Committee. The subcommittee shall be composed of twelve (12) members and shall  
25 include four (4) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
26 Speaker; two (2) members of the minority party in the House of Representatives  
27 appointed by the Minority Floor Leader; four (4) members of the Senate appointed

1 by the President; and two (2) members of the minority party in the Senate appointed  
 2 by the Minority Floor Leader. The members of the subcommittee shall ***be***  
 3 ***appointed in January of each odd-numbered year and*** serve for terms of two (2)  
 4 years. The ***President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of***  
 5 ***Representatives***~~[appointed members from each chamber]~~ shall ***each appoint***~~[elect]~~  
 6 one (1) member ***of the subcommittee*** from their chamber to serve as co-chair. Any  
 7 vacancy that may occur in the membership of the subcommittee shall be filled  
 8 ***within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, in the same manner as***~~[pursuant to this~~  
 9 ~~subsection by the same appointing authority who made]~~ the original appointment,  
 10 ***and for the balance of the vacated member's term.***

11 (2) The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for committee meeting agendas and  
 12 presiding at committee meetings. The members of the subcommittee shall be  
 13 compensated for attending meetings as provided in KRS 7.090(3) and 7.110(5).

14 (3) A majority of the entire membership of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund  
 15 Oversight Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all actions of the subcommittee  
 16 shall be by vote of a majority of its entire membership.

17 (4) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by the subcommittee shall  
 18 be provided in accordance with KRS 7.090(4) and (5).

19 (5) (a) Subsections (6) to (10) of this section shall apply only to the expenditures  
 20 from and projects under the agricultural development fund;

21 (b) Subsection (11) shall apply to all expenditures under the tobacco settlement  
 22 agreement fund created in KRS 248.654; and

23 (c) Subsection (12) shall apply to expenditures from the early childhood  
 24 development fund and the Kentucky health care improvement fund created in  
 25 KRS 200.151 and 194A.055.

26 (6) The subcommittee shall review each project being submitted to the Agricultural  
 27 Development Board. In reviewing the projects, the subcommittee shall determine

- 1 whether the criteria or requirements required by KRS 248.701 to 248.727 have been  
2 met and whether any other relevant requirements have been met.
- 3 (7) (a) If the subcommittee determines that any of the criteria or requirements  
4 required by KRS 248.701 to 248.727, except as provided in subsection (5) of  
5 this section, have not been met, the subcommittee may, by majority vote,  
6 recommend to the board in writing that a project not be approved.
- 7 (b) If the subcommittee determines that all relevant criteria were met for  
8 proposals not approved by the board, the subcommittee may, by majority  
9 vote, recommend to the board in writing that the project be approved.
- 10 (c) The reasons for recommending that a project be approved or not approved  
11 shall be stated in correspondence from the subcommittee, which shall be  
12 issued within thirty (30) days of action of the subcommittee.
- 13 (8) If the board proceeds with approval of a project under the agricultural development  
14 fund that the subcommittee has recommended in writing not be approved, or refuses  
15 to approve a project that the subcommittee has recommended in writing be  
16 approved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the subcommittee as to  
17 why the board took that action on the project. The written explanation shall be sent  
18 within thirty (30) days of receiving the subcommittee's notification.
- 19 (9) The subcommittee shall also hear cases that arise under KRS 248.721(9) and  
20 248.711(4). In these cases the subcommittee shall provide a forum for discussion  
21 and possible resolution of differences between the board and the affected party. If  
22 the differences are not resolved, the subcommittee may, by majority vote,  
23 recommend to the board in writing a course of action.
- 24 (10) The subcommittee shall maintain records of its findings and determinations. The  
25 records shall be transmitted to the appropriate interim joint committees of the  
26 Legislative Research Commission within thirty (30) days of making any  
27 determination.

1 (11) The subcommittee shall issue an annual written report to the Legislative Research  
2 Commission regarding the findings of the subcommittee.

3 (12) All expenditures under the early childhood development fund and the Kentucky  
4 health care improvement fund created in KRS 200.151 and 194A.055 shall be  
5 reported to the subcommittee. The expenditures shall be submitted in an electronic  
6 format in a manner approved by the Legislative Research Commission in order for  
7 the Commission to have a repository of information in Master Settlement  
8 Agreement funding expenditures.

9 ➔Section 12. KRS 7A.180 is amended to read as follows:

10 As used in Sections 12 to 14 of this Act~~[this section]~~:

11 (1) "Application" means software components resting on infrastructure that may be  
12 used to create, use, store, or share data and information to enable support of a  
13 business function;

14 (2) "Committee"~~[Board]~~ means the~~[Investments in]~~ Information Technology~~[~~  
15 ~~Improvement and Modernization Projects]~~ Oversight Committee~~[Board]~~;

16 (3) "Cybersecurity system" means an information technology system or application  
17 used to protect against the criminal or unauthorized use of electronic data held by  
18 a state agency;

19 (4)~~(2)~~ "Information technology system" means any related computer or  
20 telecommunication components that provide a functional system for a specific  
21 business purpose and contain one (1) or more of the following:

- 22 1. Hardware;
- 23 2. Software, including application software, systems management software,  
24 utility software, or communications software;
- 25 3. Professional services for requirements analysis, system integration,  
26 installation, implementation, or data conversion services; or
- 27 4. Digital data products, including acquisition and quality control;~~and~~

1 (5) "Legacy system" means an information technology system or application that:

2 (a) Is no longer supported by a vendor;

3 (b) Is written in a programming language people no longer learn;

4 (c) Does not comply with state or federal regulations;

5 (d) Is incompatible with advanced technology;

6 (e) Is inefficient or no longer meets the needs for the state agency's workforce;

7 or

8 (f) Includes applications developed by a state agency which were written

9 decades ago and for which the state agency does not have the expertise to

10 support or maintain; and

11 (6)~~(3)~~ "State agency" means any department, commission, council, board, bureau,  
12 committee, institution, legislative body, agency, government corporation, or other  
13 entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government.

14 ➔Section 13. KRS 7A.185 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The ~~Investments in~~ Information Technology ~~Improvement and Modernization~~  
16 ~~Projects~~ Oversight Committee~~Board~~ is hereby established and shall consist of six

17 (6) members to be appointed as follows~~in accordance with the following~~:

18 (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three (3) current  
19 members of the House of Representatives, one (1) of whom shall be  
20 designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of the three (3) members shall  
21 represent the minority party;

22 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint three (3) current members of the  
23 Senate, one (1) of whom shall be designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of  
24 the three (3) members shall represent the minority party; and

25 (c) All members shall be active members of the Kentucky General Assembly  
26 during their terms of appointment.

27 (2) Any vacancy on the committee~~board~~ shall be filled in the same manner as the



1 original appointment.

2 (3) The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for committee~~[board]~~ meetings,  
3 agendas, and presiding at committee~~[board]~~ meetings.

4 (4) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the~~[monthly]~~  
5 meeting date. A~~[monthly]~~ meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-  
6 chairs. The committee~~[board]~~ shall meet at least twice during each calendar year.

7 (5) Members of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses  
8 incurred in the performance of their duties.

9 (6) A majority of the entire membership of the committee~~[board]~~ shall constitute a  
10 quorum, and all actions of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be by vote of a majority of its  
11 entire membership.

12 (7) The purpose of the committee~~[board]~~ is to:

13 (a) Review investment and funding strategies~~[for projects]~~ to improve or  
14 modernize state agency information technology systems or applications,  
15 including:

16 1. Legacy systems~~;~~~~[system projects and]~~

17 2. Cybersecurity systems~~[projects]~~; and

18 3.~~[2.]~~The current and ongoing operation and maintenance of state agency  
19 information technology systems or applications~~[resources]~~;

20 (b) Determine the appropriate organizational structure for deployment of  
21 technology across the Commonwealth; and

22 (c) Review the latest information technology developments trending across the  
23 nation.

24 ➔Section 14. KRS 7A.190 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) ~~[Not later than July 30, 2025, ]~~The committee~~[board]~~, in consultation with the  
26 Commonwealth Office of Technology, shall prescribe the form, contents, and  
27 manner of submission of data to fulfill the purposes under subsection (7) of

1 *Section 13 of this Act and to provide an inventory of existing information*  
 2 *technology systems or applications*~~[the plan required under this section].~~

3 ~~(2)~~ Each state agency shall submit the plan developed under this section to the:

4 ~~(a)~~ Commonwealth Office of Technology; and

5 ~~(b)~~ Board.

6 ~~(3)~~ (a) Not later than *July 15*~~[October 1]~~, 2025, *and not later than April 15, 2027*  
 7 *and each April 15 biennially thereafter*, each state agency in the executive,  
 8 legislative, and judicial branches of state government shall *submit*  
 9 *information to the committee*~~[prepare an agency wide plan]~~ outlining the  
 10 manner in which the agency intends to transition its information technology  
 11 *systems or applications*~~[and data related services and capabilities]~~ into a  
 12 modern, integrated, secure, and effective technological environment,  
 13 *including a six (6) year outline and funding sources for that transition.*

14 (b) *Each state agency shall provide information regarding an estimated*  
 15 *timeline and funding source for:*

16 *1. Each legacy system;*

17 *2. Each cybersecurity system;*

18 *3. The maintenance or upgrade required for an existing information*  
 19 *technology system or application; and*

20 *4. Each planned development of a future information technology system*  
 21 *or application required within the state agency.*

22 (c) *Each state agency may consult with and obtain information from the*  
 23 *Commonwealth Office of Technology to carry out the requirements of this*  
 24 *subsection.*

25 ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ (a) On or before *October*~~[December]~~ 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter, the  
 26 *committee*~~[board]~~ shall provide a written report to the Legislative Research  
 27 Commission that identifies:

- 1           1. Existing and planned information technology systems or  
 2           applications~~[projects]~~ to improve or modernize state agency information  
 3           technology systems; and  
 4           2. The method of funding for each information technology system or  
 5           application~~[project]~~ identified by the state agency~~[board]~~.
- 6           (b) The written report to the Legislative Research Commission shall include:
- 7           1. A recommendation by the committee~~[board]~~ of the estimated amount  
 8           necessary to fully fund to completion each information technology  
 9           system or application~~[project]~~ identified~~[by the board]~~; and  
 10          2. Strategies developed by the committee~~[board]~~ to ensure a long-term  
 11          investment solution is in place~~[for projects]~~ to improve or modernize~~[~~  
 12          ~~state agency]~~ information technology systems or applications~~[are in~~  
 13          ~~place]~~, including strategies to:
- 14          a. Access the full amount of federal moneys available~~[ for these~~  
 15          ~~projects]~~; and  
 16          b. Use information gathered by the state agency~~[department during~~  
 17          ~~previous projects]~~ to improve the management, oversight, and  
 18          transparency of future information technology systems or  
 19          applications~~[projects]~~.

20          ➔Section 15. Sections 1 to 11 of this Act take effect January 1, 2027.

21          ➔Section 16. Whereas the original timeline established for submission of  
 22          required reports by state agencies does not meet the current budget request submission  
 23          process, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 12 to 14 of this Act take effect  
 24          upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.