

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
2 implement an in-home-drug disposal pilot program.

3 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Eligible patient" means an individual receiving a prescription for a Schedule
6 II controlled substance, including patients:

- 7 1. Who are at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose;
- 8 2. With an initial Schedule II controlled substance prescription;
- 9 3. With an acute Schedule II controlled substance prescription for a short-term
10 illness or condition; or
- 11 4. Who have received a change in dosage of an acute or chronic Schedule II
12 prescription;

13 (b) "In-home drug disposal system" means a site-of-use drug disposal system
14 that:

- 15 1. Changes the physical integrity of the formulation of the drug; and
- 16 2. Renders the active ingredients of a drug unusable for all practical purposes so
17 that it:
 - 18 a. Is nontoxic and nonhazardous;
 - 19 b. Poses no threat to the consumer;
 - 20 c. Reduces drug exposure to the environment; and
 - 21 d. Acts as a deterrent for misuse of the drug or drug formulation; and

22 (c) "Medication safety information" means any data tailored to meet the needs of
23 the patient population that is stored, processed, transmitted, or shared in person or in an
24 electronic format, including email, text message, image files, document files, or program
25 files, that includes but is not limited to:

- 26 1. In-home disposal of prescription drug medications;
- 27 2. Medication storage; and

1 3. In-home risks associated with keeping unused, unwanted, expired, or off
2 therapy drugs or prescription medications in the home.

3 (2) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall:

4 (a) In consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, implement a pilot program to
5 study the effectiveness of in-home prescription drug disposal in Kentucky. The pilot
6 program shall:

7 1. Operate from January 1, 2026, to November 1, 2027;

8 2. Track the number of in-home drug disposal systems distributed by
9 participating pharmacies; and

10 3. Monitor local health data for a reduction in opioid-related overdoses and
11 deaths;

12 (b) Submit a report by December 1, 2027, to the Legislative Research
13 Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services, which:

14 1. Lists the number of pharmacy locations participating in the pilot program;

15 2. Describes the activities undertaken by the cabinet to supply eligible patients
16 with:

17 a. In-home drug disposal systems; and

18 b. Medication safety information;

19 3. Surveys pharmacies to collect demographic information on:

20 a. Participating eligible patients;

21 b. Types of medication prescribed; and

22 c. The effective use of in-home drug disposal systems; and

23 4. Contains performance measures relating to the effectiveness of the program,
24 including but not limited to:

25 a. Changes in the participation rate of eligible patients; and

26 b. Engagement with pharmacists; and

27 (c) Develop a plan for cooperation between the cabinet and the Board of

1 Pharmacy to:

2 1. Outline an effective implementation strategy;

3 2. Establish a pharmacy reimbursement of \$4.88 per distribution of medication
4 safety information and an in-home drug disposal system to eligible patients; and

5 3. If necessary, summarize any specialized outside training and assistance
6 needed to facilitate the pilot program.

7 (3) This section shall not be construed to preclude pharmacists who are not
8 participating in the pilot program from dispensing or distributing:

9 (a) Controlled substances;

10 (b) In-home drug disposal systems; or

11 (c) Medication safety information to patients in accordance with KRS 218A.170.