

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission
2 to establish the Efficient and Effective Districts Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, during the 2024 Regular Session, the General Assembly authorized the
4 Efficient and Effective School Districts Governance Task Force, which met 10 times
5 during the 2024 Interim to hear testimony on improving the efficient and effective
6 operation of school districts; and

7 WHEREAS, the co-chairs of the task force recommended continuing the work of
8 the task force into the 2025 Interim; and

9 WHEREAS, additional issues have been highlighted during the 2025 Regular
10 Session, which demonstrate the need for an expanded review of the efficiency and
11 effectiveness of the school districts' operations across the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that many schools and districts in
13 the Commonwealth have unacceptable proficiency rates in reading, mathematics, science,
14 social studies, and writing; and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that many schools and districts are
16 struggling with operational, managerial, and policy issues that are adversely impacting
17 student academic achievement; and

18 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has the responsibility of ensuring that the
19 structure, models, and policies of local school districts are not impeding student
20 achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, the General Assembly seeks a deeper understanding of the issues
22 affecting Kentucky schools and desires expert opinions and research from education-
23 focused institutions and other organizations that can provide relevant and pertinent
24 information;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish
2 the Efficient and Effective Districts Task Force to:

3 (1) Review the functionality, duties, structure, independence, effectiveness, and
4 efficiency of school boards and their central offices, and the impact of policy decisions
5 on student outcomes;

6 (2) Review publications, reports, and analyses of school governance relating to
7 district size, the efficiency of districts, and the effects of size on student outcomes;

8 (3) Hear testimony from entities with research experience and expertise in
9 education organizational structures, policies, and governance;

10 (4) Review the various types of education programs provided by districts,
11 including virtual programs and nontraditional instruction, and how districts administer
12 those programs, and the financial costs or savings incurred by those programs;

13 (5) Review relevant past performance audits, correction plans, and other analyses
14 of school district effectiveness and efficiency;

15 (6) Review recently proposed legislation for the possible benefits and challenges
16 associated with:

17 (a) The creation of new school districts and the benefits and challenges of those
18 new districts;

19 (b) The expansion of the membership of the school board; and

20 (c) The modification of the selection process of school board members;

21 (7) Assess the need for alternative or innovative governance structures,
22 operations, management, and policy models for districts; and

23 (8) Develop and submit any recommendations and changes the task force may
24 adopt relating to the governance and administration of school districts and how to better
25 ensure the efficient and effective organization of the Commonwealth's school districts to
26 the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2025.

27 ➔Section 2. The Efficient and Effective Districts Task Force shall be composed

1 of the following members with final membership of the task force is subject to the
2 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

3 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated to serve as co-
5 chair;

6 (2) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
7 one of whom shall be designated to serve as co-chair;

8 (3) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Minority
9 Floor Leader of the House of Representatives; and

10 (4) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of
11 the Senate.

12 ➔Section 3. The Efficient and Effective Districts Task Force shall meet once per
13 month during the 2025 Interim. The Legislative Research Commission shall assign staff
14 from the Commission necessary to assist the task force to conduct its business.

15 ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
16 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
17 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
18 designate a study completion date.