

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the establishment of the Automatic
2 Expungement Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, having a past conviction can make people ineligible for job
4 opportunities, professional licenses, housing assistance, education, volunteering with
5 their children's activities, and more; and

6 WHEREAS, expungement lowers rates of recidivism by offering people a clean
7 slate and the opportunity to move forward as full members of their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, over one million adults in Kentucky have a criminal record; and

9 WHEREAS, as many as 44 percent of those adults may be eligible to have their
10 record fully expunged; and

11 WHEREAS, the current process for clearing eligible records can be confusing,
12 expensive, and full of red tape; and

13 WHEREAS, people should not be defined by their records and should have the
14 opportunity to contribute to their community, to work, to get an education, and to achieve
15 their full potential; and

16 WHEREAS, it is time to ensure that a fair shot at redemption is available to all;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Automatic
21 Expungement Task Force. The task force shall review, study, and make
22 recommendations regarding the development and implementation of electronic processes
23 and procedures for the automatic expungement of records. The task force shall identify
24 and address challenges that may arise during implementation to ensure an effective and
25 efficient system. The task force shall investigate necessary systemic changes,
26 technological requirements, cost estimates, and potential funding sources.

27 ➔Section 2. The Automatic Expungement Task Force shall be composed of the

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

3 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his or her designee, who
4 shall serve as co-chair of the task force;

5 (2) The President of the Senate, or his or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair
6 of the task force;

7 (3) A representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts, appointed by
8 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

9 (4) The president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges' Association, or his or her
10 designee;

11 (5) The president of the Kentucky District Judges' Association, or his or her
12 designee;

13 (6) The president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Clerks, or his or her
14 designee;

15 (7) The president of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association, or his or her designee;

16 (8) The president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, or his or her
17 designee;

18 (9) Two representatives from the Department of Kentucky State Police, appointed
19 by the Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet;

20 (10) The president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association, or
21 his or her designee;

22 (11) The president of the County Attorneys Association, or his or her designee;

23 (12) The public advocate, or his or her designee; and

24 (13) Three representatives from the Clean Slate Kentucky coalition, including at
25 least one impacted individual.

26 ➔Section 3. The Automatic Expungement Task Force shall meet at least monthly
27 during the 2025 Interim of the General Assembly unless otherwise directed by the

1 Legislative Research Commission, and shall be staffed by the Legislative Research
2 Commission.

3 ➔Section 4. The Automatic Expungement Task Force shall submit a report of its
4 findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission no later than
5 November 1, 2025, for referral to the General Assembly and consideration in the 2026
6 Regular Session. The report may include a legislative proposal.

7 ➔Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
8 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
9 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof and to
10 designate a study completion date.