

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Shared Responsibility Solution  
2 Task Force to evaluate the contribution requirements and overall sustainability measures  
3 of the Teachers' Retirement System medical insurance fund.

4 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes the importance of  
5 maintaining a sustainable and equitable funding structure for the medical insurance fund  
6 that supports retired educators; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2010, the General Assembly passed House Bill 540, which  
8 established the "shared responsibility solution" to address the solvency of the medical  
9 insurance trust fund by implementing a funding mechanism that included contributions  
10 from active teachers, school districts, and other employers, and the state; and

11 WHEREAS, the shared responsibility solution has provided stability to the medical  
12 insurance fund, but continued review is necessary to ensure its long-term viability and  
13 effectiveness in meeting the healthcare needs of retirees and how those benefits are  
14 funded in an actuarially acceptable manner in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, the medical insurance fund is projected to achieve full actuarial  
16 funding by 2027 under current projections, at which time a reevaluation of contribution  
17 requirements and overall sustainability measures will be necessary to guide future policy  
18 decisions; and

19 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to establish a task force  
20 of legislative members, with input from a diverse group of stakeholders, including  
21 representatives from education organizations, retirement systems, and the General  
22 Assembly, to study potential next steps and recommend improvements to the plan;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish  
27 the Shared Responsibility Solution Task Force, which shall:

1           1.   Examine the financial status of the Teachers' Retirement System medical  
2 insurance fund;

3           2.   Assess the long-term sustainability of the shared responsibility solution;

4           3.   Receive input from a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives  
5 from education organizations and the retirement systems; and

6           4.   Explore potential policy changes and recommendations to the General  
7 Assembly upon the medical insurance fund achieving full actuarial funding, including but  
8 not limited to adjustments to contribution requirements, long-term funding policies, and  
9 the overall financial structure of the plan.

10           ➔Section 2. The Shared Responsibility Solution Task Force shall be composed of  
11 the following members, with final membership of the task force being subject to the  
12 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

13           (1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of  
14 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the  
15 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;

16           (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of  
17 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;

18           (3) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor  
19 Leader of the House; and

20           (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the  
21 Senate.

22           ➔Section 3. The Shared Responsibility Solution Task Force shall meet at least  
23 monthly during the 2025 Interim of the General Assembly. The task force shall submit  
24 findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the  
25 appropriate committee or subcommittee thereof by December 1, 2025.

26           ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the  
27 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the

- 1 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
- 2 designate a study completion date.