

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission
2 to establish the Kentucky School for the Deaf Governance Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky School for the Deaf was created by the Kentucky
4 General Assembly on April 10, 1823; and

5 WHEREAS, the Kentucky School for the Deaf was the first institution of its kind
6 established west of the Allegheny Mountains and the first to be supported by public
7 funds; and

8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is committed to meeting the educational needs
9 of Kentucky's deaf and hard of hearing student population; and

10 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has the responsibility of ensuring that the
11 current governance model for the Kentucky School for the Deaf is not hindering student
12 achievement and is appropriately representing the interests of its constituency; and

13 WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in fulfillment of its obligations, wishes to
14 assess the efficiency and effectiveness of a possible independent board of education to
15 govern operations of the Kentucky School for the Deaf;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish
20 the Kentucky School for the Deaf Governance Task Force. The task force shall:

21 (1) Study and make recommendations to identify opportunities for improving the
22 governance of the Kentucky School for the Deaf; and

23 (2) Assess the efficiency and effectiveness of different models of governance,
24 including but not limited to an independent board of education.

25 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky School for the Deaf Governance Task Force shall be
26 composed of the following members, with final membership being subject to the
27 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

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

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

5 (3) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Minority
6 Floor Leader of the House of Representatives;

7 (4) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of
8 the Senate;

9 (5) One member who is the parent or guardian of a child that attends the
10 Kentucky School for the Deaf;

11 (6) One member who is a certified teacher currently or formerly employed as a
12 classroom teacher at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, who has at least five years of
13 experience working at the school; and

14 (7) Two members with a background, knowledge, skills, or experience in the field
15 of deaf education or American Sign Language.

16 ➔Section 3. The Kentucky School for the Deaf Governance Task Force shall
17 meet as necessary during the 2025 Interim of the General Assembly. The task force shall
18 submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for
19 referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 1, 2025.

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