

1 AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the  
2 Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

4 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Branch Budget is as follows:

5 **PART I**

6 **OPERATING BUDGET**

7 **Funds Appropriations:** Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research  
8 Commission for the Legislative Branch of government out of the General Fund and  
9 Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
10 2027, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2028, in the  
11 following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is  
12 made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of  
13 the Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

14 **A. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

15 **Budget Units**

	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
17 <b>1. General Assembly</b>		
18 General Fund	23,908,000	25,920,200
19 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
20 TOTAL	23,983,000	26,095,200

21 **(1) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General  
22 Fund appropriation is \$567,700 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium for  
23 the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds  
24 appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028  
25 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

26 **(2) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS  
27 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its

1 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2026, and shall remain  
2 suspended for the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are  
3 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2026-  
4 2027 and fiscal year 2027-2028.

5 (3) **Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension  
6 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500  
7 to 6.577 on July 1, 2026.

8 (4) **Legislators Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily  
9 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by  
10 KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall be as authorized by the 2024-  
11 2026 biennium and shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 2027, by the salary increment  
12 provided to state employees in the State/Executive Branch Budget.

13		<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
14	<b>2. Legislative Research Commission</b>		

15	General Fund	65,218,400	66,804,500
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16 (1) **Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final  
17 issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended  
18 effective July 1, 2026.

19 (2) **Legislative Publications:** Notwithstanding KRS Chapters 27A and 57, the  
20 Acts of the General Assembly, the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
21 and the official Kentucky statute publications may be distributed by use of electronic  
22 versions only, at the discretion of the Director of the Legislative Research Commission.

23 (3) **Operating Expense Reduction:** The State Auditor has identified that in  
24 fiscal year 2024-2025 the Legislative Research Commission spent \$392,822 on the  
25 following expense codes:

- 26 (1) Employee Training- State Employee Only (E133) \$23,439
- 27 (2) Food Products (E341) \$6,635





