

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Charitable Gaming
2 Modernization Task Force to study, review, and report on updates to Kentucky's
3 charitable gaming statutes and administrative regulations.

4 WHEREAS, charitable gaming has long served as a critical fundraising mechanism
5 for nonprofit organizations throughout the Commonwealth, including faith-based
6 organizations, public and private schools, veterans' organizations, volunteer fire
7 departments, fraternal organizations, and other charitable and civic entities; and

8 WHEREAS, proceeds from charitable gaming support essential community
9 services, charitable missions, and public-benefit activities that would otherwise require
10 additional public or private funding; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky's charitable gaming framework is governed primarily by
12 KRS Chapters 230 and 238 and their accompanying administrative regulations, which
13 together comprise an extensive, highly technical, and complex regulatory scheme; and

14 WHEREAS, recent organizational and structural changes to the oversight of
15 charitable gaming within state government underscore the importance of ensuring that
16 Kentucky's statutory and regulatory framework is clear, coherent, and aligned with
17 modern administrative practices; and

18 WHEREAS, a thoughtful review of charitable gaming laws and administrative
19 regulations may identify opportunities to responsibly enhance charitable revenues while
20 maintaining strong safeguards for integrity, transparency, accountability, and public trust,
21 and may assist policymakers in clearly distinguishing lawful charitable gaming from
22 unlawful or unregulated activities;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish
27 the Charitable Gaming Modernization Task Force. The task force shall study Kentucky's

1 charitable gaming laws and administrative regulations and accomplish the following:

2 (1) Complete a comprehensive statutory and regulatory review identifying
3 redundancies, inconsistencies, and obsolete provisions within KRS Chapters 230 and 238
4 and their associated administrative regulations;

5 (2) Consider stakeholder input from licensed charitable organizations across
6 multiple categories, including faith-based, educational, veterans, public safety, and other
7 nonprofit entities;

8 (3) Compare charitable gaming regulatory frameworks in peer or similarly
9 situated states;

10 (4) Review administrative and technological processes related to charitable
11 gaming licensure; and

12 (5) Recommend statutory or regulatory changes, as appropriate.

13 ➔Section 2. The Charitable Gaming Modernization Task Force shall consist of
14 the following ten members, with final membership of the task force being subject to the
15 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

16 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;

19 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor
20 Leader of the House of Representatives;

21 (3) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
22 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;
23 and

24 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the
25 Senate.

26 ➔Section 3. The Charitable Gaming Modernization Task Force shall meet at least
27 four times during the 2026 Interim and shall submit its findings, legislative

1 recommendations, or a memorandum to the Legislative Research Commission no later
2 than December 1, 2026. If legislative recommendations are submitted, the Legislative
3 Research Commission may refer the recommendations to the appropriate committee or
4 committees of jurisdiction in advance of the 2027 Regular Session of the Kentucky
5 General Assembly.

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