

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Mental Health Alternative
2 Community Response Model Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, more than 813,000 Kentuckians have a mental health condition,
4 according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and

5 WHEREAS, many times when an individual experiences a mental health crisis, first
6 responders are involved to assess or treat the individual; and

7 WHEREAS, individuals experiencing mental health crises need alternative methods
8 in addition to law enforcement services to prevent further physical and community harm;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, law enforcement officials that have invested in and implemented
11 alternative mental health strategy procedures and sentencing practices have seen great
12 improvements with positive community perception of law enforcement that have helped
13 reduce violent crime, recidivism, and re-entry efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement officials and individuals are safer when mental health
15 crises are dealt with by professionals, and many law enforcement agencies have already
16 implemented such strategies; and

17 WHEREAS, research shows that a multidisciplinary community response team
18 composed of professionals trained to address behavioral health and quality of life
19 concerns for an individual during a mental health crisis can help lead to safe and
20 successful outcomes; and

21 WHEREAS, coordinating a statewide standard for community response teams will
22 help ensure all Kentuckians receive appropriate and supportive services at a time of
23 mental health crisis;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

27 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish

1 the Mental Health Alternative Community Response Model Task Force. The task force
2 shall study and make recommendations to identify programs, initiatives, and
3 opportunities in the Commonwealth for alternative response services for communities
4 related to mental health for Kentuckians.

5 ➔Section 2. The Mental Health Alternative Community Response Model Task
6 Force shall seek input and participation from the Department of Kentucky State Police,
7 local law enforcement from around the state, the Kentucky Court of Justice, the Cabinet
8 for Health and Family Services, and state and national mental health advocacy groups as
9 the task force studies and forms recommendations related to alternative response services
10 for communities related to mental health.

11 ➔Section 3. The Mental Health Alternative Community Response Model Task
12 Force shall be composed of the following members, with final membership being subject
13 to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

14 (1) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
15 one of whom shall be designated to serve as co-chair;

16 (2) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of
17 the Senate;

18 (3) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated to serve as co-
20 chair; and

21 (4) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Minority
22 Floor Leader of the House of Representatives.

23 ➔Section 4. The Mental Health Alternative Community Response Model Task
24 Force shall meet as necessary during the 2026 Interim of the General Assembly. The task
25 force shall submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research
26 Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 1,
27 2026.

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