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, 2023, and ending June 30, 10 2024, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for the 11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in the following discrete 12 sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is made by the source 13 of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the Legislative Branch 14 of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Budget Units

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17			2024-25	2025-26
18	1.	General Assembly		
19		General Fund	23,612,200	25,595,800
20		Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
21		TOTAL	23,687,200	25,770,800

- (1) **Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$567,700 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.
- 27 (2) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center: Notwithstanding KRS

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1 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its

- 2 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2024, and shall remain
- 3 suspended for the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
- 4 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2024-
- 5 2025 and fiscal year 2025-2026.
- 6 (3) Pension Benefit Increase: Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
- 7 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
- 8 to 6.577 on July 1, 2024.

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10 2. Legislative Research Commission

- 11 General Fund 64,102,200 65,955,100
- 12 **(1) Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final
- issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended
- 14 effective July 1, 2024.

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15 TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET

16		2024-25	2025-26
17	General Fund	87,714,400	91,550,900
18	Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
19	TOTAL	87,789,400	91,725,900

20 Unexpended Balance: Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance

- remaining at the close of fiscal year 2023-2024 shall not lapse but shall continue into
- 22 fiscal year 2024-2025, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall
- 23 not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET

25		2024-25	2025-26
26	General Fund	87,714,400	91,550,900
27	Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000

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1 TOTAL 87,789,400 91,725,900

2 PART II

3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Expenditure Authority: The Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of government.

- 2. Capitol and Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures: Any expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of KRS 56.463(4)(b), or relating to the Capitol Building, and funded by previous or current appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810, 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.
- 3. Severability of Budget Provisions: Appropriation items and sums in this Act conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.
- 4. **Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.
- 5. **Priority of Individual Appropriations:** KRS 48.313 shall control when a total or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it

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consists.

- **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Proposed revisions to Restricted Funds appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10).
 - 7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery: Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the sum of \$350 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$650. This allowance shall be paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.
 - **8. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.
 - **9. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and 21.560.

15 PART III

BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan in accordance with KRS Chapter 48, except that obligations essential to the constitutional duties of the Legislative Branch shall be exempt from any Budget Reduction Plan. The level of participation in a Budget Reduction Plan shall be at the discretion of the Director and shall not exceed the actual percentage of revenue shortfall.