

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, 2021, and ending June 30,  
10 2022, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and for the  
11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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.

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
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16 <b>1. General Assembly</b>			
17 General Fund	427,100	21,391,400	22,822,000
18 Restricted Funds	-0-	75,000	175,000
19 TOTAL	427,100	21,466,400	22,997,000

20 **(1) Legislators Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily  
21 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by  
22 KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall remain at the January 1, 2022,  
23 level.

24 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General  
25 Fund appropriation is \$571,600 in each fiscal year of the 2022-2024 fiscal biennium for  
26 the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds  
27 appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024

1 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

2 (3) **Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS  
3 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its  
4 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2022, and shall remain  
5 suspended for the 2022-2024 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are  
6 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2022-  
7 2023 and fiscal year 2023-2024.

8 (4) **Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension  
9 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500  
10 to 6.577 on July 1, 2022.

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>2. Legislative Research Commission</b>			
General Fund	1,794,800	60,652,500	61,817,800

14 (1) **Permanent Full-time Employees:** The total number of permanent full-time  
15 employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation,  
16 and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative  
17 Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and 232 in fiscal  
18 year 2023-2024. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time  
19 employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research  
20 Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned  
21 specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not  
22 exceed 10.

23 (2) **Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final  
24 issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended  
25 effective July 1, 2022.

**TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
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1 government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810,  
2 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.

3 **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act  
4 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be  
5 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the  
6 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

7 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in  
8 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2022 Regular Session of the General  
9 Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

10 **5. Priority of Individual Appropriations:** KRS 48.313 shall control when a  
11 total or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it  
12 consists.

13 **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Notwithstanding KRS 48.630(10), no revisions  
14 for unbudgeted Restricted Funds appropriations for expenditure shall be allotted or  
15 expended that have not been appropriated in any enacted branch budget bill or without  
16 the express authority of the General Assembly.

17 **7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of  
18 stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the  
19 sum of \$250 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$500. This allowance shall be  
20 paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

21 **8. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative  
22 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary  
23 adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.

24 **9. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses  
25 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the  
26 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and  
27 21.560.

1           **10. Employee Layoffs, Furloughs, and Reduced Hours:** Notwithstanding any  
2 statute to the contrary, the following process and procedure is established for July 1,  
3 2022, through June 30, 2024, in the event that the Legislative Research Commission  
4 (LRC) determines that it is desirable for the Director of the LRC to layoff, furlough, or  
5 reduce hours of employees:

6           (1) For the purposes of this section:

7           (a) "Appointing authority" means the Director of the LRC, in his or her capacity  
8 as provided in KRS 7.090, or any agent whom he or she has delegated to act on his or her  
9 behalf with respect to employee appointments, position establishments, payroll  
10 documents, reemployment requests, waiver requests, requests for certification, or other  
11 position actions for the LRC;

12           (b) "Furlough" or "reduction in hours" means the temporary reduction of hours an  
13 employee is scheduled to work by the appointing authority within a pay period;

14           (c) "Layoff" means discharge of employment subject to the rights contained in  
15 this section; and

16           (d) "Employees" includes all persons employed by the LRC;

17           (2) Upon an order by the LRC, the appointing authority has the authority to layoff  
18 or furlough employees or reduce hours of employment for any of the following reasons:

19           (a) Lack of funds or budgetary constraints;

20           (b) A reduction in the agency's spending authorization;

21           (c) Lack of work;

22           (d) Abolishment of a position; or

23           (e) Other material change in duties or organization;

24           (3) The appointing authority shall determine the job classifications affected and  
25 the number of employees laid-off in each classification to which a layoff applies. In the  
26 same department or office and job classification, interim and probationary employees  
27 shall be laid-off before any full-time or part-time employees are laid-off. For purposes of

1 layoff, "probationary employee" does not include an employee serving a promotional  
2 probation;

3 (4) The Director of the LRC shall approve and implement all actions taken under  
4 subsection (2) of this section and no such layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours may  
5 begin until such approval has been granted. The Director of the LRC has the authority to  
6 determine the extent, effective dates, and length of any action taken under subsection (2)  
7 of this section;

8 (5) In determining the employees to be laid-off, the appointing authority shall  
9 consider all employees under the same appointing authority and within the job  
10 classification affected. Consideration shall be given to the following relevant factors:

11 (a) Job performance evaluations;

12 (b) Seniority;

13 (c) Education, training, and experience; and

14 (d) Disciplinary record;

15 (6) Any employee whose position is subject to layoff, furlough, or reduction of  
16 hours shall be provided written notice containing the reason for the action as set forth in  
17 subsection (2) of this section at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of the  
18 action;

19 (7) Any employee who is laid-off shall be eligible to apply as a reemployment  
20 applicant for positions with the same job classification in the LRC. For a period of two  
21 years, a reemployment applicant shall be hired before any applicant except another  
22 reemployment applicant with greater seniority who is on the same reemployment list.  
23 When a reemployment applicant is removed from a reemployment list, he or she shall be  
24 notified in writing. A reemployment applicant who accepts another LRC position, or who  
25 retires, shall cease to have eligibility rights as a reemployment applicant;

26 (8) The appointing authority may place employees subject to a reduction in force;

27 (9) Furloughs or reduction of hours during a pay period shall not result in the loss

1 of eligibility for any benefit otherwise due the employee;

2 (10) The appointing authority shall have the authority to promulgate  
3 comprehensive administrative regulations governing this section; and

4 (11) A layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours implemented in accordance with this  
5 section shall not be considered a penalization of the employee.

6 **PART III**

7 **BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN**

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