

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the DEI Economic Impact Task
2 Force.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has a responsibility to ensure that the spending
4 of tax dollars appropriated to Kentucky's public education systems is efficient, effective,
5 and transparent; and

6 WHEREAS, diversity, equity, and inclusion spending in Kentucky's public
7 education systems is vague and disaggregated, making the actual costs of those initiatives
8 unclear and rendering it challenging to ascertain, without further study, whether the
9 investment of task dollars towards those initiatives is yielding positive outcomes for
10 Kentucky students; and

11 WHEREAS, the time has come to conduct a thorough analysis of diversity, equity,
12 and inclusion initiatives in Kentucky's public education systems to determine their actual
13 costs, efficiency, effectiveness, and economic impact;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

17 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the DEI
18 Economic Impact Task Force to study the current and recent use of state-appropriated
19 funds by Kentucky's public postsecondary education system and public school system on
20 diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives to determine the actual costs, efficiency,
21 effectiveness, and economic impact of those initiatives.

22 ➔Section 2. (1) The DEI Economic Impact Task Force shall be composed of
23 the following members:

24 (a) Four members of the House of Representatives, including three members to
25 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed
26 by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives. One of the four members
27 of the House of Representatives shall be designated by the Speaker of the House to serve

1 as co-chair;

2 (b) Four members of the Senate, including three members to be appointed by the
3 President of the Senate and one member to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of
4 the Senate. One of the four members of the Senate shall be designated by the President of
5 the Senate to serve as co-chair; and

6 (c) Four stakeholders appointed by the Legislative Research Commission.

7 (2) Final membership of the task force is subject to the consideration and
8 approval of the Legislative Research Commission.

9 ➔Section 3. The task force shall meet as necessary during the 2024 Interim of the
10 General Assembly. The task force shall submit any findings and recommendations
11 adopted by the task force to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the
12 Interim Joint Committee on Education by December 1, 2024.

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