

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Transportation and the
2 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to reconsider the recent federal requirements
3 for the certification of commercial driver's license holders.

4 WHEREAS, on February 7th, 2022, new federal requirements for entry-level driver
5 training for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants went into effect. These
6 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations for entry-level driver
7 training (ELDT) for CDL licenses were mandated under the Moving Ahead for Progress
8 in the 21 Century Act (MAP-21); and

9 WHEREAS, the new ELDT regulations establish the baseline for training required
10 for entry-level drivers. They apply to anyone who applies after February 7, who is seeking
11 to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time, upgrade an existing Class B CDL to
12 Class A CDL, or obtain a first-time school bus, passenger, or hazardous materials
13 endorsement; and

14 WHEREAS, it the opinion of the Senate and the opinion of many in the trucking
15 industry that these additional, burdensome requirements will have a negative effect on the
16 ability of trucking companies, already stretched thin by the burdens of the COVID-19
17 pandemic, to attract the drivers necessary to keep the economy going; and

18 WHEREAS, with the trucking industry already facing a shortage of drivers, adding
19 the new requirements will deter drivers from getting into transportation and further
20 decrease the pool of CDL drivers. This shortage of drivers will only make current supply
21 chain issues the nation has experienced recently that much worse; and

22 WHEREAS, classes and training required under these new regulations could add
23 upwards of \$7,500 and at least a month of additional waiting to the CDL certification
24 process; and

25 WHEREAS, there is also real concern that enough training opportunities may not be
26 available to ensure that individuals who wish to meet the new training requirement will
27 be able to complete the training in the shortest amount of time possible; and

1 WHEREAS, these regulations will have a similar deleterious effect on two other
2 vital areas of our daily life: agriculture and schools; and

3 WHEREAS, although they enjoy some limited exemptions, hardworking farmers
4 hauling grain or livestock or picking up a piece of equipment that is more than 150 miles
5 from their farms will feel the full effects of the delays and added costs associated with
6 these new regulations; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky's 171 school districts, already struggling to find qualified
8 bus drivers, will similarly face more time consuming and costly barriers to filling those
9 vital positions;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
12 *Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
14 urge the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
15 Administration to reconsider, delay, or roll back some of the more onerous aspects of the
16 entry level driver training regulations.

17 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution to Pete
18 Buttigieg, United States Secretary of Transportation, and to Jack Van Steenburg,
19 Executive Director and Chief Safety Officer of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
20 Administration.