

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Board of Education to dismiss Jason E.
2 Glass from the office of Commissioner of Education.

3 WHEREAS, KRS 156.148 grants the Kentucky Board of Education with the
4 authority to appoint the Commissioner of Education as the chief state school officer and
5 provides that the Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the board; and

6 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Education has the duty to monitor the
7 performance of the Commissioner of Education and the Kentucky Department of
8 Education and ensure that both are properly serving the children and people of the
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education politicized the Kentucky
11 Department of Education by issuing guidance to Kentucky's schools advocating for,
12 affirming, and elevating the LGBTQIA+ lifestyle in curriculum; and

13 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education has interfered with the privacy
14 rights of students and endangered their safety in distinctly private facilities by authorizing
15 the issuance of guidance to Kentucky's schools that identifies the prevention or
16 discouragement of a student from using a bathroom designated for the opposite biological
17 sex as an example of "systemic and social barriers" against transgender and nonbinary
18 youth that must be addressed; and

19 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education has interfered with the rights
20 of parents to be kept informed on critical issues facing their children by authorizing the
21 issuance of guidance to Kentucky's schools that states "if a student voluntarily discloses
22 their sexual orientation or gender identity to an educator with the assumption that this
23 information is to be kept private, it is best practice for the educator to maintain that
24 confidence and keep this information confidential"; and

25 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education has interfered with the
26 constitutional religious and conscience rights of teachers and other school staff and
27 caused a chilling effect on their free speech rights through the authorization of guidance

1 to Kentucky's schools emphasizing that teachers and other staff should "both recognize
2 and use a student's preferred name and/or pronouns when these preferences are
3 requested" without any exception or accommodation being offered; and

4 WHEREAS, during a meeting of the House Standing Committee on Education on
5 Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the current Commissioner of Education reaffirmed his
6 position that if a teacher did not want to abide by the policies a school district has on
7 using students' preferred names or pronouns, then the teacher needs to find something
8 else to do, thus contributing to the teacher shortage in the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education has attempted, through
10 guidance and policy, to break the long-held tradition within the Commonwealth of
11 holding the bond between parent and child as sacrosanct by encouraging the concealment
12 of information about a child from that child's parents; and

13 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education has further politicized his
14 position and alienated many parents, teachers, students, and taxpayers by utilizing his
15 office as a platform to condemn the General Assembly's passage of SB 150 and promote
16 "a summit in support of LGBTQIA+ people and youth" that he intends for the Kentucky
17 Department of Education to hold at the taxpayer's expense; and

18 WHEREAS, the current Commissioner of Education's actions have eroded the trust
19 and confidence of parents, teachers, other employees, and legislators;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
22 ***Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby urge the Kentucky Board of Education to
24 dismiss the current Commissioner of Education, Jason E. Glass, from this critical post of
25 government for the improper interference with the rights of parents and the negative
26 impact of his statements and policies on teacher retention.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 resolution to the Kentucky Board of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, 5th Floor,
- 2 Frankfort, KY 40601.