

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Kentucky Workforce Development Task Force.

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, over \$1,000,000,000 in state and federal funds were provided to train, educate, and support Kentucky's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the development of programs within our educational system to train and develop Kentucky's workforce is of vital importance to Kentucky's economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities to prepare Kentuckians to meet the demand of our 21st century workforce are distributed among many different state and local agencies, making it difficult to develop a comprehensive plan to adequately train and retrain Kentuckians to enter or re-enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, all aspects of the educational and workforce development system in Kentucky must be studied and potentially realigned to meet the current and future needs of Kentucky employers and to develop programs such as apprenticeships and partnerships with employers involved in advanced manufacturing to develop a highly trained workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to create a Kentucky Workforce Development Task Force that shall study and develop consensus recommendations concerning the funding of workforce education in Kentucky, with a focus on realigning the education system to meet the demands of Kentucky's 21st century workforce, workforce development within advanced manufacturing, the benefits of apprenticeships and other similar programs, and retraining Kentucky's aging workforce.

➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the

Legislative Research Commission:

- (1) The Secretary of the Cabinet for Education and Workforce Development;
- (2) The Secretary of the Labor Cabinet;
- (3) The Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education;
- (4) The Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development;
- (5) The President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education;
- (6) The President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (7) The Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board;
- (8) A representative of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;
- (9) A representative of the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers;
- (10) A representative of the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky;
- (11) A representative of the Kentucky Automotive Industry Association;
- (12) A representative of the Kentucky State Building and Construction Trades Council;
- (13) A representative of the Home Builders Association of Kentucky;
- (14) Three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, with two members being of the majority party in the Senate, one of whom will serve as co-chair, and one member being of the minority party in the Senate;
- (15) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, with two members being of the majority party in the House, one of whom will serve as co-chair, and one member being of the minority party in the House; and
- (16) Two representatives of Kentucky small businesses to be appointed by the Governor.

➔Section 3. The task force shall meet monthly during the 2016 Interim of the General Assembly and shall submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 1, 2016. The report

shall, at a minimum, include a detailed analysis of the current workforce development system and recommendations regarding proposed legislation, proposed changes to the current workforce development funding system, proposed programs to implement such recommendations, and other information related to improving the development of Kentucky's workforce.

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