

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to access to and awareness of postsecondary
2 education.

3 WHEREAS, successfully transitioning high school graduates to a postsecondary
4 program is vital to strengthening the state's workforce; and

5 WHEREAS, the percentage of Kentucky high school graduates who attend a
6 postsecondary education institution immediately following graduation continues to
7 decrease; and

8 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly to improve awareness of
9 postsecondary opportunities to high school students and to streamline admission to
10 Kentucky public colleges and universities; and

11 WHEREAS, a proactive admissions initiative designed to connect students and
12 families with colleges and universities earlier would help students plan for options during
13 high school and create a direct path to postsecondary education in the Commonwealth for
14 qualifying students, thereby easing the transition from high school to college;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

17 ➔Section 1. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall:

18 (1) In consultation with the Department of Education, the Kentucky Community
19 and Technical College System, and Kentucky's public postsecondary education
20 institutions, develop a proactive admissions pilot program. The purpose of the proactive
21 admissions pilot program is to develop a system and process to send notifications of
22 eligibility for guaranteed general admission to qualifying seniors. The proactive
23 admissions pilot program shall:

24 (a) Notify each qualifying Kentucky public high school senior enrolled in a
25 school district electing to participate in the program of their guaranteed general admission
26 to each participating public postsecondary education institution, with the understanding
27 that certain programs of study may have additional requirements. Seniors at participating

1 public high schools that meet the minimum admissions requirements as determined by
2 the Council on Postsecondary Education pursuant to KRS 164.020(8) shall qualify for
3 guaranteed general admission. The participating school districts shall issue the
4 notification through Kentucky's student information systems;

5 (b) Determine if students that qualify for guaranteed general acceptance must still
6 complete an application for admission, pay an admission fee, and submit their official
7 high school transcript to the public postsecondary education institution or institutions of
8 their choosing during their senior year; and

9 (c) Explore a statewide common application, process, and form, not excluding
10 current participation in the national Common Application; and

11 (2) Notify high schools of the eligibility criteria for guaranteed general
12 acceptance and encourage each high school to identify eligible students and inform those
13 students that they have a pathway to postsecondary opportunities within the
14 Commonwealth.

15 ➔Section 2. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall submit a report on the
16 proactive admissions pilot program with legislative recommendations regarding the
17 statewide implementation of a proactive admissions program for all public postsecondary
18 education institutions in the Commonwealth to the Interim Joint Committee on Education
19 no later than November 1, 2024.