

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Jail and Corrections Reform
2 Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, when the General Assembly passed the Judicial Reform Act in the
4 1970s, the decision was made to allow counties to retain their jail systems while the state
5 maintained the state penitentiary system; and

6 WHEREAS, jail costs for counties have increased over time, consuming vast fiscal
7 resources for many reasons including increasing inmate traffic, maintaining and
8 renovating older facilities, providing inmate services to reduce recidivism, and
9 construction of new facilities to accommodate increased inmate populations; and

10 WHEREAS, many counties have made the decision to close their jail facilities, yet
11 are still fiscally responsible for persons who have been arrested and are required to be
12 jailed; and

13 WHEREAS, a bifurcated penal system can lead to inefficiencies including capital
14 construction expenses, contracting for services and goods, inmate location, and further
15 distribution of fiscal resources;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Jail and
20 Corrections Reform Task Force to study:

- 21 (1) Existing jail and correctional facilities;
- 22 (2) Possible realignment and closure of jail and correctional facilities;
- 23 (3) Adequacy of existing jail and correctional facilities;
- 24 (4) Management of Kentucky's incarcerated population;
- 25 (5) Personnel and other costs associated with jail and correctional facilities;
- 26 (6) Pretrial and post-conviction incarceration data from the Administrative Office
27 of the Courts, the Department of Corrections, and jails;

1 (7) Pretrial defendants, including a breakdown by jurisdiction of the financial
2 conditions of release and charged offenses for those defendants; and

3 (8) Number of supervised individuals incarcerated on new charges versus those
4 incarcerated due to revocation.

5 ➔Section 2. The Jail and Corrections Reform Task Force shall be composed of
6 the following members with final membership of the task force being subject to
7 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

8 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
9 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force; and

11 (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
12 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force.

13 ➔Section 3. The Jail and Corrections Reform Task Force shall meet monthly
14 during the 2023 Interim of the General Assembly. The task force shall submit findings
15 and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the
16 appropriate committee or committees by December 1, 2023.

17 ➔Section 4. Provisions of Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to the contrary
18 notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to
19 alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or
20 subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.