

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Adoption Task Force.

2 WHEREAS, the process of adoption in Kentucky can be restrictively expensive;

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4 WHEREAS, the process of adoption in Kentucky is rife with redundancy; and

5 WHEREAS, adoption is a valuable component of the lives of many Kentuckians;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to create an
10 Adoption Task Force to study the adoption process in Kentucky and throughout the
11 United States.

12 ➔Section 2. The task force shall comprehensively investigate adoption in the
13 Commonwealth of Kentucky to identify policy options to streamline the adoption process,
14 increase efficiency, reduce the timeline of the adoption process, reduce costs, and
15 decrease paperwork and redundancy.

16 ➔Section 3. The task force shall also review studies and legislative action by
17 other states and the federal government on adoption practices.

18 ➔Section 4. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with
19 final membership subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research
20 Commission:

21 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
22 House, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House to serve as co-
23 chair;

24 (2) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
25 shall be designated by the President of the Senate to serve as co-chair; and

26 (3) Up to two individuals to be recommended by the Governor.

27 ➔Section 5. The task force shall meet at least three times during the 2017 Interim

1 of the General Assembly and submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislative
2 Research Commission no later than December 1, 2017.

3 ➔Section 6. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
4 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
5 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
6 designate a study completion date.