

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to study the cost and
2 benefits of increasing the maximum interstate highway speed limit.

3 WHEREAS, on November 28, 1995, the National Highway System Designation
4 Act was signed into law. It repealed the requirement that states, as a condition of
5 receiving federal-aid highway assistance, adhere to a national maximum speed limit of 65
6 miles per hour;

7 WHEREAS, states now have the power to set maximum speed limits on interstate
8 highways within their borders;

9 WHEREAS, 18 states have set maximum interstate speed limits over 70 miles per
10 hour;

11 WHEREAS, rural states and areas are more likely to have higher maximum speed
12 limits on interstate highways, and most of Kentucky's interstate highways traverse rural
13 areas;

14 WHEREAS, increasing the maximum speed limit has the potential to make travel
15 easier for Kentucky's motorists; and

16 WHEREAS, any potential change in the maximum speed limit should be studied by
17 professional engineers;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to study the cost and benefits
21 of increasing the maximum interstate highway speed limit.

22 ➔Section 2. At a minimum, the study shall:

23 (1) Determine current average speeds on Kentucky interstate highways;

24 (2) Analyze the effect of increased maximum speed limits on traffic congestion,
25 motor vehicle collisions, and passenger injuries and fatalities; and

26 (3) Identify potential sections of Kentucky's interstate system for which an
27 increased maximum speed limit is appropriate.

1 ➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall make a recommendation regarding
2 increasing speed limits on interstate highways to the Interim Joint Committee on
3 Transportation by December 1, 2025.