

1 AN ACT relating to sign language interpretation in the House and Senate chambers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 7.100 is amended to read as follows:

4 It shall be the duty of the Legislative Research Commission to:

- 5 (1) Maintain in the State Capitol or State Capitol Annex for the use and information of  
6 the General Assembly, a legislative reference room and working library; collect,  
7 summarize, and index information of a legislative and governmental nature relating  
8 to legislation and legislative policies and index all bills introduced in the General  
9 Assembly. Permanent office space for the Legislative Research Commission and for  
10 the director thereof and employees or subcommittees shall be provided on the third  
11 floor of the State Capitol. When the General Assembly is not in session, the  
12 Commission shall have jurisdiction over the use of the House and Senate chambers  
13 and over the allocation of all rooms used by the General Assembly while in session.  
14 The Commission may provide for such other office space as it may deem  
15 necessary;[;]
- 16 (2) Make or cause to be made such investigations into statute law, legislation,  
17 governmental agencies and institutions, and matters of public policy as will aid the  
18 General Assembly in performing its duties in the most efficient and economical  
19 manner. In making such studies and investigations between the regular sessions of  
20 the General Assembly, the Commission shall give priority to those subjects  
21 requested by the General Assembly. The Commission shall promptly consider any  
22 requests of the General Assembly by bill or resolution for the creation of task  
23 forces, committees, subcommittees, or other entities for the purpose of studying or  
24 reviewing issues or subjects. Provisions of the bill or resolution to the contrary  
25 notwithstanding, the Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant or deny the  
26 request to create an entity or alternatively assign the subject matter of the proposed  
27 study or review to an existing committee or task force, including interim joint

- 1 subcommittees of the Commission;[-]
- 2 (3) Afford to any member of the General Assembly or any committee of either house of  
3 the General Assembly such information and assistance as may be practicable in the  
4 preparation of bills, memorials, resolutions, amendments, alterations and changes  
5 thereto, and revisions and substitutes thereof, proposed to be introduced into the  
6 General Assembly;[-]
- 7 (4) The Commission, at the close of each legislative session, shall assume custody of  
8 all furniture, equipment, records, materials and supplies, and printed copies of bills  
9 in the possession of the clerks of the Senate and House. Immediately prior to the  
10 convening of the next session, the Commission shall transfer all furniture,  
11 equipment, materials, and supplies to the clerks of the respective houses. The  
12 Commission may, when the General Assembly is not in session, authorize the  
13 expenditure of funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the purchase, repair,  
14 or maintenance of furniture, equipment, materials, and supplies and contract for  
15 services needed by the General Assembly;[-]
- 16 (5) The Commission shall prepare and publish or contract for the preparation and  
17 publishing of a daily index and digest of the content of and legislative action on all  
18 measures introduced in the General Assembly;[-]
- 19 (6) After each election the Commission shall conduct a pre-session orientation  
20 conference for members of the General Assembly;[-]
- 21 (7) The Commission shall notify the members of the General Assembly of the reports  
22 filed with the Commission for distribution to the members of the General Assembly  
23 and of the reports and publications of the Commission which are available for the  
24 members of the General Assembly. Each member of the General Assembly shall  
25 indicate upon a form provided by the Commission which reports shall be forwarded  
26 to the member;[-]
- 27 (8) Conduct, while the General Assembly is not in session, any and all business of the

1 legislative department of government, except for the passage of legislation, which  
2 could be conducted by the legislative department of government or the General  
3 Assembly if the General Assembly were in session;[-]

4 (9) Conduct such other business and possess such other powers and duties as may be  
5 assigned or authorized by the General Assembly by statute or otherwise; ***and***

6 ***(10) Provide sign language interpretation in each chamber of the General Assembly***  
7 ***whenever the General Assembly is in session.***