

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to create a task force to study policing in the
2 Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the citizens of the
4 community is essential in a democracy; and

5 WHEREAS, the public grants legitimacy only to those they see as acting justly; and

6 WHEREAS, it is possible for law enforcement agencies to both reduce crime and
7 increase community trust; and

8 WHEREAS, equality under the law is a bedrock principle of this country;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Task Force
13 on Policing in the Commonwealth. The task force shall make findings and
14 recommendations on the appropriate role of law enforcement agencies and their
15 relationship to the communities they serve.

16 ➔Section 2. The task force shall investigate and make findings to the extent
17 possible, regarding:

- 18 (1) Reducing deadly force encounters with law enforcement;
- 19 (2) Community engagement and healing;
- 20 (3) Investigations and accountability;
- 21 (4) Prevention and training;
- 22 (5) Officer wellness; and
- 23 (6) Policy changes.

24 ➔Section 3. The Task Force on Policing in the Commonwealth shall be composed
25 of the following members with final membership of the task force being subject to the
26 consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

- 27 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the

- 1 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;
- 3 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor
4 Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 5 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
6 shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;
- 7 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate;
- 8 (5) The public advocate, or designee;
- 9 (6) One representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, selected
10 from a list of three names provided by the association;
- 11 (7) The commissioner of Kentucky State Police, or designee;
- 12 (8) One representative of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police selected from a
13 list of three individuals submitted by the association; and
- 14 (9) One representative of the Louisville Urban League selected from a list of three
15 individuals submitted by the association.

16 ➔Section 4. The task force shall meet at least three times during the 2021 Interim
17 of the General Assembly. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations
18 for legislative action, if any, to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the
19 appropriate committee or committees by December 1, 2021. If the task force is unable to
20 obtain sufficient information to complete its objectives, the report shall include a
21 description of the unavailable information, the agencies associated with the information,
22 the challenges presented to the agencies in recording or obtaining the information, and
23 recommendations for policy changes within those agencies that would allow for better
24 recordkeeping, transparency, and public accountability.

25 ➔Section 5. The executive branch of government shall promptly provide
26 necessary data, research, and other requested information to assist the task force in the
27 performance of its duties.

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