

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the staff of the Legislative Research
2 Commission to study the advantages and disadvantages of the opt-in standard of
3 Kentucky's anatomical gift law.

4 WHEREAS, there are currently over 119,000 men, women, and children on the
5 national transplant waiting list in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, nearly 31,000 transplants occurred in the United States but sadly there
7 are still 22 people who die each day while waiting for a transplant; and

8 WHEREAS, 95 percent of Americans support organ donation but only 48 percent
9 are signed up as organ donors; and

10 WHEREAS, the facts show that the vast majority of Americans overwhelmingly
11 support organ donation but the actual number of those same people that have taken the
12 steps to sign up as an organ donor is low; and

13 WHEREAS, information is needed to analyze the Commonwealth's current
14 anatomical gift law;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

18 ➔Section 1. The staff of the Legislative Research Commission shall conduct a
19 study of the advantages and disadvantages of the opt-in standard of Kentucky's
20 anatomical gift law:

21 (1) Compile state and international laws and regulations and proposed laws or
22 regulations related to opt-in and opt-out anatomical gift standards; and

23 (2) Review and analyze academic research related to the advantages and
24 disadvantages of opt-in and opt-out anatomical gift standards.

25 ➔Section 2. Staff shall transmit the results of the study to the Legislative
26 Research Commission for distribution to the appropriate interim joint committee or
27 committees by December 1, 2017.

1 ➔Section 3. 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.