

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Department of Education to create
2 a task force to examine the equity and inclusivity of racial and demographic
3 representation in education curriculum.

4 WHEREAS, students who attend diverse schools have improved cognitive skills,
5 exhibit less racial prejudice, report higher overall self-confidence, have a greater
6 appreciation for cultural differences, and are better prepared for a more diverse and
7 dynamic global economy; and

8 WHEREAS, despite the benefits of a diverse education, studies have shown that
9 most students lack a basic understanding of topics such as slavery, rudimentary world
10 geography, or the history of indigenous peoples; and

11 WHEREAS, to fully realize the benefits of a diverse education, schools must work
12 to ensure diversity exists not only in enrollment but in curricula that reflect the history
13 and culture of students of diverse backgrounds;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

16 ➔Section 1. (1) The Kentucky Department of Education is directed to create
17 the Statewide Task Force on Diversity in Education Curricula composed of the following
18 members to be selected by the department:

19 (a) The commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education or his or her
20 designee;

21 (b) Six social studies teachers;

22 (c) Three language arts teachers;

23 (d) Two school principals;

24 (e) Three school curriculum specialists;

25 (f) Two school-based decision making council parent members; and

26 (g) Two high school students.

27 (2) On making appointments to the committee, the department shall ensure broad

1 minority and geographical urban and rural representation and representation of
2 elementary, middle, and high school levels.

3 (3) The task force shall be attached to the Kentucky Department of Education for
4 administrative staffing purposes.

5 ➔Section 2. The Statewide Task Force on Diversity in Education Curricula is
6 directed to identify best practices to ensure education curricula in Kentucky public
7 schools are inclusive, equitable, and reflect the diversity of people in Kentucky, the
8 United States, and the world.

9 ➔Section 3. By December 1, 2022, the Statewide Task Force on Diversity in
10 Education Curricula shall present its findings and recommendations to the Interim Joint
11 Committee on Education. After that date, the task force shall cease to exist.