

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION creating the Task Force on Local Governments
2 and Gun Violence.

3 WHEREAS, public safety is among the most vital roles of government, from the
4 federal level to the municipal level; and

5 WHEREAS, many law-abiding Kentuckians are responsible gun owners, yet issues
6 of gun violence plague all Kentucky communities, both urban and rural; and

7 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Constitution enshrines a broad right to bear arms in the
8 Bill of Rights, reserving to the General Assembly the power to regulate the carrying of
9 concealed weapons; and

10 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, local governments have been preempted from
11 issuing ordinances regulating firearms and ammunition by KRS 65.870, and from suing
12 firearms and ammunition manufacturers under KRS 65.045; and

13 WHEREAS, some public safety policies are best shaped by the knowledge and
14 vision of local community leaders, while other public safety policies work best when
15 handed down from state government;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is directed to create the Task
20 Force on Local Governments and Gun Violence to study potential constitutional
21 amendments or statutory changes to Kentucky law that could allow local government
22 control of firearms and ammunition, while increasing public safety and reducing gun
23 violence in all Kentucky communities through examination of approaches from other
24 states and other countries.

25 ➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with the
26 final membership being subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative
27 Research Commission:

- 1 (1) The chair of the House Standing Committee on Local Government who shall serve
2 as co-chair;
- 3 (2) The chair of the Senate Standing Committee on State and Local Government who
4 shall serve as co-chair;
- 5 (3) Two additional members of the Senate, one to be appointed by the President of the
6 Senate, and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate;
- 7 (4) Two additional members of the House of Representatives, one to be appointed by
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one to be appointed by the
9 Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 10 (5) The president of the Kentucky League of Cities;
- 11 (6) The president of the Kentucky Association of Counties;
- 12 (7) The commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Local Government;
- 13 (8) The president of the River City Fraternal Order of Police; and
- 14 (9) The president of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police.

15 ➔Section 3. The final product of the task force shall be a report containing
16 recommendations, which shall be voted on by members of the task force. The task force
17 shall meet during the 2017 and 2018 interims of the General Assembly and shall submit
18 the final report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate
19 interim joint committee or committees by December 3, 2018.

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