

AN ACT making appropriations for operations, maintenance, and support of the legislative branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

PART I

OPERATING BUDGET

Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research Commission out of the General Fund, restricted funds accounts, or federal funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, in the following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the legislative branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For column display purposes, 1999-00 represents fiscal year 1999-2000.

	1998-99	1999-00
1. General Assembly		
General Fund	8,759,000	14,300,000
Restricted Funds	115,000	65,000
Total	8,874,000	14,365,000

The above General Fund appropriation to the General Assembly includes funds for the Legislators Retirement Plan in each fiscal year. Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$786,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 and \$1,725,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 for increases in salary and per diem for members of the General Assembly, notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 6.190, 6.213, and 6A.020.

The above General Fund appropriation provides for the continuation of the annual cost of living adjustment authorized for the 1996-98 biennium. Notwithstanding KRS 6.190, 6.213, and 6A.020, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and 6A.020 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 1997, and January 1, 1998.

Notwithstanding KRS 6.190, 6.213, and 6A.020, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190, and 6A.020 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall be adjusted on January 1, 1999, and January 1, 2000, by the all urban consumer price index (CPI-U) not to exceed 5 percent (5%) per annum but not less than zero percent (0%) per annum.

2. Legislative Research Commission

General Fund	22,966,500	25,579,000
Restricted Funds	125,000	125,000
Total	23,091,500	25,704,000

The total number of permanent full-time employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation shall not exceed 261 in fiscal year 1998-99 and 261 in fiscal year 1999-2000. Within this total, the permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 10.

The above General Fund appropriation includes \$364,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 and \$264,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 for the capital projects authorized in the Capital Projects Budget, Part II. Project funds may be transferred to the Capital Construction Fund.

TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET

	1998-99	1999-00
General Fund	31,725,500	39,879,000
Restricted Funds	240,000	190,000
TOTAL	31,965,500	40,069,000

Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance remaining at the close of fiscal year 1997-98 shall not lapse but shall continue into the 1998-99

fiscal year and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

PART II

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

	1998-99	1999-00
1. Legislative Research Commission		
a. Printing/duplicating machine - rental		
General Fund	264,000	264,000
b. Collating system		
General Fund	100,000	
TOTAL	364,000	264,000

The amounts listed above are not in addition to the funds appropriated in the Operating Budget, Part I.

TOTALS - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET

	1998-99	1999-00
General Fund	31,725,500	39,879,000
Restricted Funds	240,000	190,000
TOTAL FUNDS	31,965,500	40,069,000

PART III

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The director of the Legislative Research Commission with the approval of the Legislative Research Commission may expend any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful manner and for any legal purpose which the Commission shall authorize or direct. No executive agency of state government shall have the power to restrict or limit the expenditure of funds appropriated to the legislative branch of government.

2. The director of the Legislative Research Commission shall submit monthly to the Legislative Research Commission a report listing all travel expenses reimbursed, travel related per diem, and any other travel related reimbursement for each General Assembly member and each employee of the Legislative Research Commission who was reimbursed during the previous month.

3. No member of the General Assembly except members of the Legislative Research Commission shall receive in any one fiscal year per diem compensation in excess of 7 days in connection with out-of-state travel unless prior written approval has been received from the Legislative Research Commission.

4. Appropriation items and sums in this Act conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provisions thereof shall be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

5. Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in an appropriation provision in another act of the 1998 General Assembly which constitute a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

6. KRS 48.313 shall control when a total, subtotal, or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it consists.

7. Proposed revisions to restricted funds and federal funds appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10). The director of the Legislative Research Commission shall notify on a timely basis the Legislative Research Commission of the most current estimates of anticipated receipts for the affected fiscal year and an accompanying statement which explains such variations from the anticipated amount.

8. The Legislative Research Commission shall cause the director of the Legislative Research Commission to prepare a final budget document reflecting the 1998-00 biennial budget of the legislative branch. A copy shall be provided to the Legislative Research

Commission and an informational copy shall be furnished to the Finance and Administration Cabinet within sixty (60) days of the adjournment of the 1998 session of the General Assembly.

9. A Task Force on Parenting Functions and Access to Children shall be established to perform a study of the issues relating to parenting, parenting functions, and access to the children, and to make recommendations for changes to the current system that are in the best interest of the child. The task force shall be composed of members of the General Assembly as well as nonmembers, determined by the Legislative Research Commission, but shall contain at least one (1) Circuit Judge, one (1) family court judge, one (1) attorney who does domestic relations work, one (1) person who has expert knowledge of domestic violence, one (1) psychologist, mediator, or domestic relations commissioner, and at least one (1) organization that is known for child advocacy relating to divorce and separation. The Legislative Research Commission shall designate the chair of the committee. The Task Force on Parenting Functions and Access to Children shall make its recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission no later than July 1, 1999. Funding for staff services to be utilized in completing this study shall be provided from the regular Legislative Research Commission budget and are subject to the limitations and other research responsibilities of the Commission.

PART IV

BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

The legislative branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.