

**CHAPTER 23****(SCR 2)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing a study of the Advanced Placement Program in Kentucky's high schools.

WHEREAS, since 1990 Kentucky has made a monumental effort to improve its public schools so that all students in the Commonwealth have the opportunity to achieve at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS, the Advanced Placement Program provides opportunities for students to achieve at higher levels and become competitive with students across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 only sixty-seven percent (67%) of Kentucky's public high schools offered Advanced Placement courses; and

WHEREAS, national statistics show that fewer Kentucky students take the Advanced Placement exams; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that every qualified student have the opportunity to participate in Advanced Placement courses; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has a new opportunity to expand its Advanced Placement programs through the Kentucky Virtual High School particularly to students in small high schools;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Interim Joint Committee on Education establish a special subcommittee composed of four (4) members of the Senate and four (4) members of the House of Representatives to study Kentucky's Advanced Placement Program. The subcommittee shall be co-chaired by one (1) member of the Senate and one (1) member of the House of Representatives. The members and the co-chairs shall be appointed by the co-chairs of the Interim Joint Committee on Education, subject to approval by the Legislative Research Commission.

Section 2. The subcommittee appointed to study the Advanced Placement Program shall review the current status of the program and recommend an implementation plan that will provide Advanced Placement courses to all qualified students across the state, establish a reasonable timeline, and outline the necessary resources needed for full implementation. The subcommittee shall present its implementation plan and recommendations to the Interim Joint Committee on Education by September 1, 2001.

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

**Approved March 15, 2001**