

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 532 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "violent felony" means a felony that would classify a*
6 *person as a violent offender under Section 31 of this Act.*

7 *(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a person convicted of a*
8 *violent felony who has previously been convicted of two (2) separate violent*
9 *felonies shall be sentenced to:*

10 *(a) A term of imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole, if the*
11 *felony is not a capital offense; or*

12 *(b) Death, or a term of imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or*
13 *parole, if the felony is a capital offense.*

14 *(3) For the purpose of determining whether a person has two (2) or more separate*
15 *violent felony convictions, two (2) or more convictions for which the person*
16 *served concurrent or uninterrupted consecutive terms of imprisonment shall be*
17 *deemed to be only one (1) conviction, unless one (1) of the convictions was for an*
18 *offense committed while that person was imprisoned.*

19 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 532 IS CREATED TO
20 READ AS FOLLOWS:

21 *Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or Section 31 of this Act, a person*
22 *shall not be eligible for probation, parole, conditional discharge, conditional release, or*
23 *any other form of release prior to the completion of his or her sentence if, in the*
24 *commission of the offense, he or she used a firearm which was possessed in violation*
25 *of state law, including firearms which are stolen, defaced, or loaded with restricted*
26 *ammunition.*

27 ➔Section 3. KRS 610.070 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) All cases involving children brought before the court whose cases are under the
 2 jurisdiction of the court shall be granted a speedy hearing and shall be dealt with by
 3 the court without a jury.
- 4 (2) The hearings shall be conducted in a formal manner, unless specified to the contrary
 5 by other provisions of KRS Chapters 600 to 645.
- 6 (3) The general public shall be excluded and only the immediate families or guardians
 7 of the parties before the court, witnesses necessary for the prosecution and defense
 8 of the case, the probation worker with direct interest in the case, a representative
 9 from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the victim, his or her parent or legal
 10 guardian, or if emancipated, his or her spouse, or a legal representative of either,
 11 such persons admitted as the judge shall find have a direct interest in the case or in
 12 the work of the court, and such other persons as agreed to by the child and his or
 13 her attorney may be admitted to the hearing. A parent, legal guardian, or spouse if a
 14 witness shall be admitted to the hearing only during and after his or her testimony
 15 at the hearing, and witnesses shall be admitted to the hearing only for the duration
 16 of their testimony. The court may order the exclusion of a parent, legal guardian, or
 17 spouse, if it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the parent, legal guardian,
 18 or spouse may physically disrupt the proceedings or may do violence to any
 19 participant therein. The mere presence of a parent, legal guardian, or spouse shall
 20 not be deemed to be a disruption of the proceedings merely because their presence
 21 may make the defendant uncomfortable; the court shall find a potential for actual
 22 physical disruption of the proceedings before an exclusion may be granted for this
 23 reason.
- 24 (4) The court ~~shall~~^{may} order at least one parent, guardian, or person~~the parents,~~
 25 ~~guardians, or persons~~ exercising custodial control over the child to be present at
 26 any hearing or other proceeding involving the child.

27 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 610 IS CREATED TO

1 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 2 (1) At any hearing or other proceeding under KRS Chapters 630 to 645, at least one
 3 (1) person ordered by the court, pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 3 of this
 4 Act, to attend hearings or proceedings involving the child shall be present.
- 5 (2) A person who has been excluded from a hearing pursuant to subsection (3) of
 6 Section 3 of this Act and has not subsequently been ordered by the court to be
 7 present at future proceedings shall not be charged under this section.
- 8 (3) If a violation of subsection (1) of this section occurs, any parent, guardian, or
 9 other person who was ordered, pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 3 of this Act,
 10 to attend hearings or proceedings involving the child shall be fined not more than
 11 five hundred dollars (\$500) and ordered to participate in up to forty (40) hours of
 12 community service.

13 ➔Section 5. KRS 507.020 is amended to read as follows:

- 14 (1) A person is guilty of murder when:
- 15 (a) With intent to cause the death of another person, he or she causes the death of
 16 such person or of a third person; except that in any prosecution a person shall
 17 not be guilty under this subsection if he or she acted under the influence of
 18 extreme emotional disturbance for which there was a reasonable explanation
 19 or excuse, the reasonableness of which is to be determined from the viewpoint
 20 of a person in the defendant's situation under the circumstances as the
 21 defendant believed them to be. However, nothing contained in this section
 22 shall constitute a defense to a prosecution for or preclude a conviction of
 23 manslaughter in the first degree or any other crime; ~~or~~
- 24 (b) Including, but not limited to, the operation of a motor vehicle under
 25 circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, he or she
 26 wantonly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to another
 27 person and thereby causes the death of another person; or

1 (c) He or she knowingly sells fentanyl or a fentanyl derivative to another
 2 person, and the injection, ingestion, inhalation, or other introduction of the
 3 fentanyl or fentanyl derivative causes the death of the person.

4 (2) Murder is a capital offense.

5 ➔Section 6. KRS 507.030 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree when:

7 (a) With intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he or she
 8 causes the death of such person or of a third person;

9 (b) With intent to cause the death of another person, he or she causes the death of
 10 such person or of a third person under circumstances which do not constitute
 11 murder because he or she acts under the influence of extreme emotional
 12 disturbance, as defined in subsection (1)(a) of KRS 507.020;

13 (c) He or she knowingly distributes fentanyl or a fentanyl derivative to another
 14 person without remuneration, and the injection, ingestion, inhalation, or
 15 other introduction of the fentanyl or fentanyl derivative causes the death of
 16 the person; or

17 ~~(d)(c)~~ Through circumstances not otherwise constituting the offense of murder,
 18 he or she intentionally abuses another person or knowingly permits another
 19 person of whom he or she has actual custody to be abused and thereby causes
 20 death to a person twelve (12) years of age or less, or who is physically
 21 helpless or mentally helpless.

22 (2) Manslaughter in the first degree is a Class B felony.

23 ➔Section 7. KRS 507.040 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree when he or she wantonly
 25 causes the death of another person, including but not limited to situations where the
 26 death results from the person's:

27 (a) Operation of a motor vehicle;

- 1 (b) Leaving a child under the age of eight (8) years in a motor vehicle under
2 circumstances which manifest an extreme indifference to human life and
3 which create a grave risk of death to the child, thereby causing the death of
4 the child; or
- 5 (c) Unlawful distribution ~~{for remuneration}~~ of a Schedule I or II controlled
6 substance *other than fentanyl or a fentanyl derivative* when the controlled
7 substance is the proximate cause of death.
- 8 (2) Manslaughter in the second degree is a Class C felony.
- 9 ➔Section 8. KRS 218A.1412 is amended to read as follows:
- 10 (1) A person is guilty of trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree when
11 he or she knowingly and unlawfully traffics in:
- 12 (a) Four (4) grams or more of cocaine;
- 13 (b) Two (2) grams or more of methamphetamine;
- 14 (c) Ten (10) or more dosage units of a controlled substance that is classified in
15 Schedules I or II and is a narcotic drug, or a controlled substance analogue;
- 16 (d) Any quantity of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or fentanyl derivatives; lysergic
17 acid diethylamide; phencyclidine; gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB),
18 including its salts, isomers, salts of isomers, and analogues; or flunitrazepam,
19 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
- 20 (e) Any quantity of a controlled substance specified in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of
21 this subsection in an amount less than the amounts specified in those
22 paragraphs.
- 23 (2) The amounts specified in subsection (1) of this section may occur in a single
24 transaction or may occur in a series of transactions over a period of time not to
25 exceed ninety (90) days that cumulatively result in the quantities specified in this
26 section.
- 27 (3) (a) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of

1 this section shall be guilty of a Class C felony for the first offense and a Class
2 B felony for a second or subsequent offense.

3 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1)(e) of this section
4 shall be guilty of a Class D felony for the first offense and a Class C felony
5 for a second or subsequent offense.

6 (c) *If the substance is fentanyl or a fentanyl derivative, and the injection,*
7 *ingestion, inhalation, or other introduction of the fentanyl or fentanyl*
8 *derivative causes the death of a person, the penalty for the offense shall be*
9 *one (1) level higher than the level otherwise specified in this section.*

10 (d) Any person convicted of a Class C felony offense or higher under this section
11 shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional
12 discharge, or other form of early release until he or she has served at least fifty
13 percent (50%) of the sentence imposed in cases where the trafficked substance
14 was heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or fentanyl derivatives.

15 ➔SECTION 9. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 515 IS CREATED TO
16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 *(1) A person is guilty of carjacking when he or she takes a motor vehicle in the*
18 *possession of another, from the possessor's person or immediate presence, or*
19 *from the person or immediate presence of a passenger of the motor vehicle,*
20 *against the possessor's or passenger's will and with the intent to either*
21 *permanently or temporarily deprive the possessor of the motor vehicle of his or*
22 *her possession, accomplished by means of force or intimidation.*

23 *(2) Carjacking is a Class B felony.*

24 ➔Section 10. KRS 512.020 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the first degree when, having no right to
26 do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he or she has such right, he or she
27 intentionally or wantonly:

- 1 (a) Defaces, destroys, or damages any property causing pecuniary loss of **five**
 2 **hundred dollars (\$500)**~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ or more;
- 3 (b) Tamper with the operations of a key infrastructure asset, as defined in KRS
 4 511.100, in a manner that renders the operations harmful or dangerous; or
- 5 (c) As a tenant, intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys, or damages
 6 residential rental property causing pecuniary loss of **five hundred dollars**
 7 **(\$500)**~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ or more.

8 (2) Criminal mischief in the first degree is a Class D felony, unless:

9 **(a)** The offense occurs during a declared emergency as defined by KRS 39A.020
 10 arising from a natural or man-made disaster, within the area covered by the
 11 emergency declaration, and within the area impacted by the disaster, in which
 12 case it is a Class C felony; **or**

13 **(b) The defendant at any time prior to trial effects repair or replacement of the**
 14 **damaged property or makes complete restitution in the amount of the**
 15 **damage, in which case it is a Class B misdemeanor for the first offense and**
 16 **a Class A misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offense.**

17 ➔Section 11. KRS 512.030 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree when, having no right
 19 to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he or she has such right, he or she:

20 (a) Intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys, or damages any property causing
 21 pecuniary loss of ~~five hundred dollars (\$500) or more but~~ less than **five**
 22 **hundred dollars (\$500)**~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~; or

23 (b) As a tenant, intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys, or damages
 24 residential rental property causing pecuniary loss of ~~five hundred dollars~~
 25 ~~(\$500) or more but~~ less than **five hundred dollars (\$500)**~~one thousand~~
 26 ~~dollars (\$1,000)~~.

27 (2) Criminal mischief in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor, unless:

1 **(a)** The offense occurs during a declared emergency as defined by KRS 39A.020
 2 arising from a natural or man-made disaster, within the area covered by the
 3 emergency declaration, and within the area impacted by the disaster, in which
 4 case it is a Class D felony; **or**

5 **(b) The defendant at any time prior to trial effects repair or replacement of the**
 6 **damaged property or makes complete restitution in the amount of the**
 7 **damage, in which case it is a Class B misdemeanor.**

8 ➔Section 12. KRS 149.410 is amended to read as follows:

9 The Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney shall initiate and prosecute appropriate
 10 abatement proceedings by injunction or otherwise, for the prevention or correction of any
 11 condition constituting or threatening to constitute a violation of KRS 149.360 to 149.430.

12 The institution or pendency of a proceeding pursuant to this section shall not bar the
 13 imposition of any penalties or the securing of any other relief provided by KRS 149.360
 14 to 149.430, 149.991, 277.990, 512.020, **or Section 11 of this Act** ~~to 512.040~~, or
 15 administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.

16 ➔Section 13. KRS 506.160 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) If a defendant is alleged by the prosecuting attorney to have been a member of a
 18 criminal gang as defined in KRS 506.135, at the time of the commission of the
 19 offense, upon conviction of the offense there shall be a separate proceeding from
 20 that proceeding which resulted in the defendant's conviction if the defendant was
 21 convicted of:

22 (a) Assault in the fourth degree under KRS 508.030;

23 (b) Menacing under KRS 508.050;

24 (c) Wanton endangerment in the second degree under KRS 508.070;

25 (d) Terroristic threatening in the third degree under KRS 508.080;

26 (e) Stalking in the second degree under KRS 508.150;

27 (f) Unlawful imprisonment in the second degree under KRS 509.030;

- 1 (g) Criminal coercion under KRS 509.080;
- 2 (h) Criminal mischief in the second degree under KRS 512.030;
- 3 (i) ~~Criminal mischief in the third degree under KRS 512.040;~~
- 4 ~~(j)~~ Obstructing governmental operations under KRS 519.020;
- 5 ~~(j)~~~~(k)~~ Resisting arrest under KRS 520.090;
- 6 ~~(k)~~~~(l)~~ Riot in the second degree under KRS 525.030;
- 7 ~~(l)~~~~(m)~~ Inciting to riot under KRS 525.040;
- 8 ~~(m)~~~~(n)~~ Harassment under KRS 525.070;
- 9 ~~(n)~~~~(o)~~ Harassing communications under KRS 525.080;
- 10 ~~(o)~~~~(p)~~ The misdemeanor offense of carrying a concealed deadly weapon in
 11 violation of KRS 527.020; or
- 12 ~~(p)~~~~(q)~~ Possession of a handgun by a minor as a first offense under KRS
 13 527.100.
- 14 (2) The proceeding described in subsection (1) of this section shall be conducted before
 15 the court sitting with the jury that found the defendant guilty of the offense unless
 16 the court for good cause discharges that jury and impanels a new jury for that
 17 purpose. If the jury determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is or
 18 was a member of a criminal gang, acting for the purpose of benefitting, promoting,
 19 or furthering the interest of a criminal gang at the time he or she committed the
 20 offense, he or she shall not be released for a minimum of seventy-six (76) to ninety
 21 (90) days of the sentence imposed if the offense he or she is convicted of is
 22 classified as a Class B misdemeanor, or for a minimum of three hundred eleven
 23 (311) to three hundred sixty-five (365) days if the offense he or she is convicted of
 24 is classified as a Class A misdemeanor.
- 25 (3) This section shall not apply to a juvenile unless he or she has been transferred to
 26 Circuit Court as a youthful offender pursuant to KRS 640.010 and has on at least
 27 one (1) prior separate occasion been adjudicated a public offender for a felony

1 offense.

2 ➔Section 14. KRS 525.220 is amended to read as follows:

3 No person shall be convicted of assault on a service animal when **he or she has**:

- 4 (1) ~~{He has }~~Also been convicted of a violation of KRS 525.125, 525.130, 512.020, **or**
 5 512.030~~[, or 512.040]~~ arising out of the same incident; or
 6 (2) ~~{He has }~~Destroyed or treated a service animal that is injured, diseased, or suffering
 7 or that constitutes a hazard to public safety if not destroyed; or
 8 (3) ~~{He has }~~Used physical force against the service animal in protection of himself,
 9 **herself**, or a third person; or
 10 (4) ~~{He has }~~Used physical force without knowledge that the animal was a service
 11 animal.

12 ➔Section 15. KRS 520.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 13 (1) A person is guilty of promoting contraband in the first degree when:
 14 (a) He **or she** knowingly introduces dangerous contraband into a detention
 15 facility or a penitentiary; or
 16 (b) Being a person confined in a detention facility or a penitentiary, he **or she**
 17 knowingly makes, obtains, or possesses dangerous contraband.
 18 (2) Promoting contraband in the first degree is a Class D felony, **unless the dangerous**
 19 **contraband is fentanyl, carfentanil, or a fentanyl derivative, in which case it is a**
 20 **Class B felony.**

21 ➔Section 16. KRS 16.220 is amended to read as follows:

- 22 (1) Subject to the duty to return confiscated firearms to innocent owners pursuant to
 23 KRS 500.090, all firearms confiscated by the Department of Kentucky State Police
 24 and not retained for official use pursuant to KRS 500.090 shall be sold at public
 25 auction to:
 26 **(a)** Federally licensed firearms dealers holding a license appropriate for the type
 27 of firearm sold; **or**

1 (b) For a firearm which was used in a homicide, any person who certifies on a
 2 form provided by the Department of Kentucky State Police prior to placing a
 3 bid that he or she will, upon completion of the auction, leave the firearm
 4 with the Department of Kentucky State Police for destruction. A state or
 5 local government or agency thereof shall not purchase a firearm under this
 6 paragraph.

7 (2) Any provision of KRS Chapter 45 or 45A relating to disposition of property to the
 8 contrary notwithstanding, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall:

- 9 (a) Conduct any auction specified by this section;
- 10 (b) Retain for departmental use twenty percent (20%) of the gross proceeds from
 11 any auction specified by this section; ~~and~~
- 12 (c) Transfer remaining proceeds of the sale to the account of the Kentucky Office
 13 of Homeland Security for use as provided in subsection ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ of this
 14 section; and

15 (d) For any sale pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section, destroy the
 16 firearm.

17 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ Prior to the sale of any firearm, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall
 18 make an attempt to determine if the firearm to be sold has been stolen or otherwise
 19 unlawfully obtained from an innocent owner and return the firearm to its lawful
 20 innocent owner, unless that person is ineligible to purchase a firearm under federal
 21 law.

22 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ The Department of Kentucky State Police shall receive firearms and
 23 ammunition confiscated by or abandoned to every law enforcement agency in
 24 Kentucky. The department shall dispose of the firearms received in the manner
 25 specified in subsections~~subsection~~ (1) and (2) of this section. However, firearms
 26 which are not retained for official use, returned to an innocent lawful owner, or
 27 transferred to another government agency or public museum shall be sold as

1 provided in subsections (1) and ~~(2)~~~~(3)~~ of this section.

2 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ The proceeds of firearms sales shall be utilized by the Kentucky Office of
3 Homeland Security to provide grants to city, county, charter county, unified local
4 government, urban-county government, and consolidated local government police
5 departments; university safety and security departments organized pursuant to KRS
6 164.950; school districts that employ special law enforcement officers as defined in
7 KRS 61.900; and sheriff's departments for the purchase of:

- 8 (a) Body armor for sworn peace officers of those departments and service
9 animals, as defined in KRS 525.010, of those departments;
- 10 (b) Firearms or ammunition;
- 11 (c) Electronic control devices, electronic control weapons, or electro-muscular
12 disruption technology; and
- 13 (d) Body-worn cameras.

14 In awarding grants under this section, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
15 shall give first priority to providing and replacing body armor and second priority to
16 providing firearms and ammunition, with residual funds available for the purchase
17 of body-worn cameras, electronic control devices, electronic control weapons, or
18 electro-muscular disruption technology. Body armor purchased by the department
19 receiving grant funds shall meet or exceed the standards issued by the National
20 Institute of Justice for body armor. No police or sheriff's department shall apply for
21 a grant to replace existing body armor unless that body armor has been in actual use
22 for a period of five (5) years or longer. Any department applying for grant funds for
23 body-worn cameras shall develop a policy for their use and shall submit that policy
24 with its application for the grant funds to the Office of Homeland Security as part of
25 the application process.

26 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ The Department of Kentucky State Police may transfer a machine gun, short-
27 barreled shotgun, short-barreled rifle, silencer, pistol with a shoulder stock, any

1 other weapon, or destructive device as defined by the National Firearms Act which
 2 is subject to registration under the National Firearms Act and is not properly
 3 registered in the national firearms transfer records for those types of weapons, to the
 4 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms of the United States Department of
 5 Justice, after a reasonable attempt has been made to transfer the firearm to an
 6 eligible state or local law enforcement agency or to an eligible museum and no
 7 eligible recipient will take the firearm or weapon. National Firearms Act firearms
 8 and weapons which are properly registered and not returned to an innocent lawful
 9 owner or retained for official use as provided in this section shall be sold in
 10 accordance with subsections (1) and (2)~~[to properly licensed dealers under~~
 11 ~~subsection (3)]~~ of this section.

12 ➔SECTION 17. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 511 IS CREATED TO
 13 READ AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Camp" means to pitch, erect, or occupy camp facilities, or to use camp
 16 paraphernalia;

17 (b) "Camp facilities" means structures for the use of camping, including but
 18 not limited to tents, huts, temporary shelters, and vehicles; and

19 (c) "Camp paraphernalia" means items used for camping purposes, including
 20 but not limited to cots, beds, sleeping bags, and hammocks.

21 (2) A person is guilty of unlawful camping when he or she knowingly enters or
 22 remains on a public or private street, sidewalk, area under a bridge or underpass,
 23 path, park, or other area designated for use by pedestrians or vehicles, including
 24 areas used for ingress or egress to businesses, homes, or public buildings, with
 25 the intent to sleep or camp in that area, when the area has not been designated
 26 for the purpose of sleeping or camping or the individual lacks authorization to
 27 sleep or camp in the area.

1 (3) Unlawful camping is a:

2 (a) Violation for the first offense; and

3 (b) Class B misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent offense, or if
 4 during the first offense the individual refuses to cease the offense.

5 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the customary and
 6 temporary use of recreational camping areas, rest areas, or other properties that
 7 are specifically designated for purposes of resting or sleeping.

8 ➔SECTION 18. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198A IS CREATED
 9 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) Notwithstanding any statute, administrative regulation, or common law to the
 11 contrary, appropriations from the general fund, any restricted fund, the road
 12 fund, or any federal funds shall not be expended by any state or local officer,
 13 official, employee, or agency for any initiatives to provide permanent housing to
 14 homeless individuals if those initiatives lack behavioral and rehabilitative
 15 requirements. Behavioral and rehabilitative requirements shall at a minimum
 16 include requirements that individuals utilizing such initiatives cease or refrain
 17 from the illicit use of controlled substances and excessive use of alcohol, consent
 18 to treatment of any mental health conditions, and refrain from any criminal
 19 activity.

20 (2) This section shall not apply to domestic violence shelters as defined in KRS
 21 511.085.

22 ➔SECTION 19. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
 23 READ AS FOLLOWS:

24 A local government may designate indoor or outdoor areas with defined boundaries in
 25 an area zoned for commercial or industrial use, separate from any area frequently
 26 used for public purposes, as a temporary camping location for unsheltered homeless
 27 individuals. Any such designated area shall contain potable water and adequate

1 sanitary facilities, such as portable toilets. Any individual utilizing the designated area
 2 for a permissible purpose shall not be in violation of Section 17 of this Act.

3 ➔SECTION 20. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
 4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) A local government shall not adopt or enforce any policy under which it directly
 6 or indirectly prohibits or discourages the enforcement of any law, order, or
 7 ordinance prohibiting unlawful camping as set forth in Section 17 of this Act.

8 (2) A local government shall not directly or indirectly prohibit or discourage a peace
 9 officer or prosecuting attorney who is employed by or otherwise under the
 10 direction or control of the local government from enforcing any law, order, or
 11 ordinance prohibiting unlawful camping as set forth in Section 17 of this Act.

12 (3) This section does not prohibit a policy of any local government that encourages
 13 diversion programs or offering of services in lieu of citation or arrest.

14 (4) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any court of competent
 15 jurisdiction against any local government to enjoin the local government from
 16 violating this section.

17 (5) The Attorney General may recover reasonable expenses incurred in any civil
 18 action brought under this section, including court costs, reasonable attorney's
 19 fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs.

20 ➔Section 21. KRS 503.080 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) The use of physical force by a defendant upon another person is justifiable when the
 22 defendant believes that such force is immediately necessary to prevent:

23 (a) The commission of criminal trespass, robbery, burglary, or other felony
 24 involving the use of force, or under those circumstances permitted pursuant to
 25 KRS 503.055, in a dwelling, building or upon real property in his or her
 26 possession or in the possession of another person for whose protection he or
 27 she acts; ~~or~~

1 (b) Theft, criminal mischief, or any trespassory taking of tangible, movable
 2 property in his or her possession or in the possession of another person for
 3 whose protection he or she acts; or

4 **(c) The commission of unlawful camping in violation of Section 17 of this Act,**
 5 **when the offense is occurring on property owned or leased by the defendant,**
 6 **the individual engaged in unlawful camping has been told to cease, and the**
 7 **individual committing the offense has used force or threatened to use force**
 8 **against the defendant.**

9 (2) The use of deadly physical force by a defendant upon another person is justifiable
 10 under subsection (1) of this section only when the defendant believes that the
 11 person against whom such force is used is:

12 (a) Attempting to dispossess him or her of his or her dwelling otherwise than
 13 under a claim of right to its possession; or

14 (b) Committing or attempting to commit a burglary, robbery, or other felony
 15 involving the use of force, or under those circumstances permitted pursuant to
 16 KRS 503.055, of such dwelling; or

17 (c) Committing or attempting to commit arson of a dwelling or other building in
 18 his or her possession.

19 (3) A person does not have a duty to retreat if the person is in a place where he or she
 20 has a right to be.

21 ➔Section 22. KRS 202C.050 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) No respondent shall be involuntarily committed under this chapter unless there is a
 23 determination that:

24 (a) The respondent presents a danger to self or others as a result of his or her
 25 mental condition;

26 (b) The respondent needs care, training, or treatment in order to mitigate or
 27 prevent substantial physical harm to self or others{;

1 ~~(e) The respondent has a demonstrated history of criminal behavior that has~~
 2 ~~endangered or caused injury to others or has a substantial history of~~
 3 ~~involuntary hospitalizations under KRS Chapter 202A or 202B prior to the~~
 4 ~~commission of the charged crime]; and~~

5 ~~(c)~~~~(d)~~ A less restrictive alternative mode of treatment would endanger the
 6 safety of the respondent or others.

7 (2) When a respondent is involuntarily committed under this chapter, the cabinet shall
 8 place that respondent in a forensic psychiatric facility designated by the secretary.

9 ➔Section 23. KRS 186.417 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue to any felony offender, if the felony offender
 11 is eligible, released from the Kentucky Department of Corrections, *a county jail or*
 12 *other local or regional correctional facility*, or a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility
 13 located in Kentucky on home incarceration, parole, completed service of sentence,
 14 shock probation, or pardon, a personal identification card or, if the felony offender
 15 is eligible, an operator's license. An offender who wishes to obtain a personal
 16 identification card or operator's license shall provide proper documentation to
 17 comply with the provisions of this section.

18 (2) Proper documentation under subsection (1) of this section shall consist of:

19 (a) The offender's certificate of birth;

20 (b) A copy of the offender's resident record card and parole certificate or notice of
 21 discharge;

22 (c) A photograph of the offender, printed on plastic card or paper; and

23 (d) A release letter that shall contain the offender's:

24 1. Full legal name, subject to the information available to the Kentucky
 25 Department of Corrections or a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility
 26 located in Kentucky;

27 2. Discharge/release date;

- 1 3. Signature;
 - 2 4. Social Security number;
 - 3 5. Date of birth;
 - 4 6. Present Kentucky address where he or she resides; and
 - 5 7. Physical description.
- 6 (3) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue to any felony offender, if the felony offender
- 7 is eligible, probated or conditionally discharged by the court and under the
- 8 supervision of the Division of Probation and Parole or the United States Probation
- 9 Office, a personal identification card or, if the felony offender is eligible, an
- 10 operator's license. An offender who wishes to obtain a personal identification card
- 11 or operator's license shall provide proper documentation to comply with the
- 12 provisions of this section.
- 13 (4) Proper documentation under subsection (3) of this section shall consist of:
- 14 (a) The offender's certificate of birth;
 - 15 (b) The offender's sentencing order;
 - 16 (c) A photograph of the offender, printed on plastic card or paper; and
 - 17 (d) A notarized release letter, signed by the supervising officer verifying the
 - 18 offender's status on supervision, that shall contain the offender's:
 - 19 1. Full legal name, subject to the information available to the Division of
 - 20 2. Signature;
 - 21 3. Social Security number;
 - 22 4. Date of birth;
 - 23 5. Present Kentucky address where he or she resides; and
 - 24 6. Physical description.
- 25
- 26 (5) The offender shall present the documentation identified in subsection (2) or (4) of
- 27 this section to the cabinet within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the

1 release letter and shall be responsible for paying the fee for the personal
2 identification card or operator's license pursuant to KRS 186.531.

3 (6) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in
4 accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish procedures for current inmates in
5 state and federal prisons, who are deemed eligible by prison officials, to be issued
6 operator's licenses to engage in work release activities or reentry initiatives. The
7 administrative regulations shall address, at a minimum:

8 (a) The information required for application, which shall include all information
9 in paragraph (b) of this subsection which is germane to a current inmate. For
10 purposes of this paragraph, the facility in which the inmate is housed shall be
11 considered the inmate's residence;

12 (b) Required documentation from the Department of Corrections or the Federal
13 Bureau of Prisons that the inmate meets the security criteria to be eligible for
14 work outside of the facility;

15 (c) Procedures for license issuance; and

16 (d) Restrictions on use of the license, including a requirement that the inmate
17 shall surrender the license to prison officials when the inmate is not engaged
18 in work outside the facility.

19 (7) The cabinet shall process applications for operator's licenses and personal
20 identification cards under this section in the same manner as in KRS 186.412 and
21 186.4122.

22 (8) The Transportation Cabinet may enter into an agreement with the Kentucky
23 Department of Corrections, the United States Probation Office, or the Federal
24 Bureau of Prisons to use a mobile unit to begin the issuance process in this section.

25 ➔Section 24. KRS 431.510 is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) **As used in this section:**

27 (a) **1. "Bail bondsman" means any person, partnership, or corporation**

1 engaged for profit in the business of:

2 a. Furnishing bail, making bonds, or entering into undertakings, as
 3 surety, for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal
 4 offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine,
 5 imprisonment, or death, before any of the courts of this state; or

6 b. Securing the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by
 7 those courts upon final disposition thereof.

8 2. The business of a bail bondsman is limited to the acts, transactions,
 9 and undertakings described in this paragraph and to no other; and

10 (b) "Charitable bail organization" means an organization, including but not
 11 limited to an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
 12 Revenue Code, that solicits or accepts donations from the public for the
 13 purpose of:

14 1. Furnishing bail, making bonds, or entering into undertakings, as
 15 surety, whether through direct payment or by payment through a third
 16 party, for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal
 17 offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine,
 18 imprisonment, or death before any of the courts of this state; or

19 2. Securing the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by any of
 20 the courts of this state upon final disposition thereof.

21 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of bail bondsman~~—as~~
 22 ~~defined in subsection (3) of this section,~~ or to otherwise for compensation or other
 23 consideration:

24 (a) Furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail; or

25 (b) Make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety;

26 for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal offense or violation of law
 27 or ordinance punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, before any of the courts of

1 this state~~[- including city courts]~~, or to secure the payment of fines imposed and of
 2 costs assessed by such courts upon a final disposition.

3 **(3) It shall be unlawful for any charitable bail organization to:**

4 **(a) Furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail in an amount of five**
 5 **thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more; or**

6 **(b) Make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety in an amount of five**
 7 **thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more;**

8 **for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal offense or violation of**
 9 **law or ordinance punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, before any of the**
 10 **courts of this state, or to secure the payment of fines imposed and of costs**
 11 **assessed by those courts upon a final disposition.**

12 **(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any**
 13 **charitable bail organization to furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail,**
 14 **or to make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety, regardless of amount, for**
 15 **any person:**

16 **(a) Alleged to have committed an offense:**

17 **1. Of domestic violence and abuse as defined in KRS 403.720;**

18 **2. Of dating violence and abuse as defined in KRS 456.010; or**

19 **3. That would classify the person as a violent offender under Section 31**
 20 **of this Act; or**

21 **(b) Held under a civil court order or warrant issued under KRS 222.430 to**
 22 **222.437.**

23 **(5) Any person who posts bail or bond on behalf of any organization under this**
 24 **section shall provide a photo identification.**

25 **(6) A charitable bail organization shall maintain and annually report the following**
 26 **information to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary no later than October**
 27 **31 of each year, and shall make publicly available on the organization's website,**

1 or by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation that complies with the
 2 requirements of KRS 424.120 if the organization does not maintain a website:

3 (a) The expenditures of the organization, including a separate reporting of the
 4 amount furnished for bail, or funds or property to serve as bail; and

5 (b) The number of individuals and classification of offenses for those
 6 individuals for which any bail, or funds or property to serve as bail, has
 7 been provided.

8 (7) Any bond posted by a charitable organization under this section that is ordered
 9 forfeited as a result of the commission of a new criminal offense shall be
 10 distributed to the victim of the new criminal offense, if a victim is identified.

11 ~~(8)~~⁽²⁾ Nothing contained in this section~~herein~~ shall serve to release any bail
 12 bondsman previously~~heretofore~~ licensed by this state from the obligation of
 13 undischarged bail bond liability existing on June 19, 1976.

14 ~~[(3) "Bail bondsman" shall mean any person, partnership, or corporation engaged for~~
 15 ~~profit in the business of furnishing bail, making bonds or entering into~~
 16 ~~undertakings, as surety, for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal~~
 17 ~~offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death,~~
 18 ~~before any of the courts of this state, or securing the payment of fines imposed and~~
 19 ~~of costs assessed by such courts upon final disposition thereof, and the business of a~~
 20 ~~bail bondsman shall be limited to the acts, transactions, and undertakings described~~
 21 ~~in this subsection and to no other.]~~

22 ~~(9)~~⁽⁴⁾ KRS 431.510 to 431.550 shall not be construed to limit or repeal KRS
 23 431.021 or to prevent licensed insurers providing security required by Subtitle 39 of
 24 KRS Chapter 304 and nonprofit associations from posting or causing to be posted
 25 by licensed insurers security or acting as surety for their insureds or members for an
 26 offense arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, provided that such posting of
 27 security or acting as surety is merely incidental to the terms and conditions of an

1 insurance contract or a membership agreement and provided further that no separate
2 premium or charge therefor is required from the insureds or members.

3 ➔SECTION 25. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 507 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 **(1) As used in this section, "first responder" means:**

6 **(a) A police officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff;**

7 **(b) A paid or volunteer emergency medical services personnel certified or**
8 **licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A; or**

9 **(c) A paid or volunteer member of an organized fire department;**

10 **engaged at the time of the act in the lawful performance of his or her duties.**

11 **(2) A person is guilty of murder of a first responder when, with the intent to cause**
12 **the death of a first responder, he or she causes the death of a first responder.**

13 **(3) Notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, murder of a first responder is a capital**
14 **offense and the person shall be sentenced to death or imprisonment for life**
15 **without benefit of probation or parole.**

16 ➔Section 26. KRS 506.010 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) A person is guilty of criminal attempt to commit a crime when, acting with the kind
18 of culpability otherwise required for commission of the crime, he **or she**:

19 (a) Intentionally engages in conduct which would constitute the crime if the
20 attendant circumstances were as he **or she** believes them to be; or

21 (b) Intentionally does or omits to do anything which, under the circumstances as
22 he **or she** believes them to be, is a substantial step in a course of conduct
23 planned to culminate in his commission of the crime.

24 (2) Conduct shall not be held to constitute a substantial step under subsection (1)(b) **of**
25 **this section** unless it is an act or omission which leaves no reasonable doubt as to
26 the defendant's intention to commit the crime which he **or she** is charged with
27 attempting.

1 (3) A person is guilty of criminal attempt to commit a crime when he engages in
 2 conduct intended to aid another person to commit that crime, although the crime is
 3 not committed or attempted by the other person, provided that his or her conduct
 4 would establish complicity under KRS 502.020 if the crime were committed by the
 5 other person.

6 (4) A criminal attempt is a:

7 (a) Class C felony when the crime attempted is a violation of KRS 521.020 or
 8 521.050;

9 (b) Class B felony when the crime attempted is a Class A felony or capital
 10 offense;

11 (c) Class C felony when the crime attempted is a Class B felony;

12 (d) Class A misdemeanor when the crime attempted is a Class C or D felony;

13 (e) Class B misdemeanor when the crime attempted is a misdemeanor; and

14 (f) Capital offense when the crime attempted is a violation of Section 25 of this
 15 Act. Notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, a person who has been convicted
 16 of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, criminal attempt to
 17 commit murder of a first responder shall be sentenced to imprisonment for:

18 1. At least twenty (20) years but not more than fifty (50) years;

19 2. Life; or

20 3. Life without benefit of probation or parole until the person has served
 21 a minimum of twenty-five (25) years.

22 ➔Section 27. KRS 532.025 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) (a) Upon conviction of a defendant in cases where the death penalty may be
 24 imposed, a hearing shall be conducted. In such hearing, the judge shall hear
 25 additional evidence in extenuation, mitigation, and aggravation of
 26 punishment, including the record of any prior criminal convictions and pleas
 27 of guilty or pleas of nolo contendere of the defendant, or the absence of any

1 prior conviction and pleas; provided, however, that only such evidence in
2 aggravation as the state has made known to the defendant prior to his or her
3 trial shall be admissible. Subject to the Kentucky Rules of Evidence, juvenile
4 court records of adjudications of guilt of a child for an offense that would be a
5 felony if committed by an adult shall be admissible in court at any time the
6 child is tried as an adult, or after the child becomes an adult, at any
7 subsequent criminal trial relating to that same person. Juvenile court records
8 made available pursuant to this section may be used for impeachment
9 purposes during a criminal trial and may be used during the sentencing phase
10 of a criminal trial; however, the fact that a juvenile has been adjudicated
11 delinquent of an offense that would be a felony if the child had been an adult
12 shall not be used in finding the child to be a persistent felony offender based
13 upon that adjudication. Release of the child's treatment, medical, mental, or
14 psychological records is prohibited unless presented as evidence in Circuit
15 Court. Release of any records resulting from the child's prior abuse and
16 neglect under Title IV-E or IV-B of the Federal Social Security Act is also
17 prohibited. The judge shall also hear argument by the defendant or his or her
18 counsel and the prosecuting attorney, as provided by law, regarding the
19 punishment to be imposed. The prosecuting attorney shall open and the
20 defendant shall conclude the argument. In cases in which the death penalty
21 may be imposed, the judge when sitting without a jury shall follow the
22 additional procedure provided in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the
23 conclusion of the evidence and arguments, the judge shall impose the sentence
24 or shall recess the trial for the purpose of taking the sentence within the limits
25 prescribed by law. If the trial court is reversed on appeal because of error only
26 in the presentence hearing, the new trial which may be ordered shall apply
27 only to the issue of punishment.

1 (b) In all cases in which the death penalty may be imposed and which are tried by
2 a jury, upon a return of a verdict of guilty by the jury, the court shall resume
3 the trial and conduct a presentence hearing before the jury. Such hearing shall
4 be conducted in the same manner as presentence hearings conducted before
5 the judge as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, including the record
6 of any prior criminal convictions and pleas of guilty or pleas of nolo
7 contendere of the defendant. Upon the conclusion of the evidence and
8 arguments, the judge shall give the jury appropriate instructions, and the jury
9 shall retire to determine whether any mitigating or aggravating circumstances,
10 as defined in subsection (2) of this section, exist and to recommend a sentence
11 for the defendant. Upon the findings of the jury, the judge shall fix a sentence
12 within the limits prescribed by law.

13 (2) In all cases of offenses for which the death penalty may be authorized, the judge
14 shall consider, or ~~he or she shall~~ include in his or her instructions to the jury for it
15 to consider, any mitigating circumstances or aggravating circumstances otherwise
16 authorized by law and any of the following statutory aggravating or mitigating
17 circumstances which may be supported by the evidence:

18 (a) Aggravating circumstances:

- 19 1. The offense of murder or kidnapping was committed by a person with a
20 prior record of conviction for a capital offense, or the offense of murder
21 was committed by a person who has a substantial history of serious
22 assaultive criminal convictions;
- 23 2. The offense of murder or kidnapping was committed while the offender
24 was engaged in the commission of arson in the first degree, robbery in
25 the first degree, burglary in the first degree, rape in the first degree, or
26 sodomy in the first degree;
- 27 3. The offender by his or her act of murder, armed robbery, or kidnapping

- 1 knowingly created a great risk of death to more than one (1) person in a
 2 public place by means of a weapon of mass destruction, weapon, or
 3 other device which would normally be hazardous to the lives of more
 4 than one (1) person;
- 5 4. The offender committed the offense of murder for himself, herself, or
 6 another, for the purpose of receiving money or any other thing of
 7 monetary value, or for other profit;
- 8 5. The offense of murder was committed by a person who was a prisoner
 9 and the victim was a prison employee engaged at the time of the act in
 10 the performance of his or her duties;
- 11 6. The offender's act or acts of killing were intentional and resulted in
 12 multiple deaths;
- 13 7. The offender's act of killing was intentional and the victim was:
- 14 a. A state or local public official; ~~or~~
- 15 b. A police officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff engaged at the time of
 16 the act in the lawful performance of his or her duties;
- 17 c. *A paid or volunteer emergency medical services personnel*
 18 *certified or licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A engaged at*
 19 *the time of the act in the lawful performance of his or her duties;*
- 20 or
- 21 d. *A paid or volunteer member of an organized fire department*
 22 *engaged at the time of the act in the lawful performance of his or*
 23 *her duties;*
- 24 8. The offender murdered the victim when an emergency protective order
 25 or a domestic violence order was in effect, or when any other order
 26 designed to protect the victim from the offender, such as an order issued
 27 as a condition of a bond, conditional release, probation, parole, or

1 pretrial diversion, was in effect; and

2 9. The offender's act of killing was intentional and resulted in the death of
3 a child under twelve (12) years old.

4 (b) Mitigating circumstances:

5 1. The defendant has no significant history of prior criminal activity;

6 2. The capital offense was committed while the defendant was under the
7 influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance even though the
8 influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance is not sufficient to
9 constitute a defense to the crime;

10 3. The victim was a participant in the defendant's criminal conduct or
11 consented to the criminal act;

12 4. The capital offense was committed under circumstances which the
13 defendant believed to provide a moral justification or extenuation for his
14 or her conduct even though the circumstances which the defendant
15 believed to provide a moral justification or extenuation for his or her
16 conduct are not sufficient to constitute a defense to the crime;

17 5. The defendant was an accomplice in a capital offense committed by
18 another person and his or her participation in the capital offense was
19 relatively minor;

20 6. The defendant acted under duress or under the domination of another
21 person even though the duress or the domination of another person is not
22 sufficient to constitute a defense to the crime;

23 7. At the time of the capital offense, the capacity of the defendant to
24 appreciate the criminality of his or her conduct to the requirements of
25 law was impaired as a result of mental illness or an intellectual disability
26 or intoxication even though the impairment of the capacity of the
27 defendant to appreciate the criminality of his or her conduct or to

1 conform the conduct to the requirements of law is insufficient to
2 constitute a defense to the crime; and

3 8. The youth of the defendant at the time of the crime.

4 (3) The instructions as determined by the trial judge to be warranted by the evidence or
5 as required by KRS 532.030(4) shall be given in charge and in writing to the jury
6 for its deliberation. The jury, if its verdict be a recommendation of death, or
7 imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole, or imprisonment for
8 life without benefit of probation or parole until the defendant has served a minimum
9 of twenty-five (25) years of his or her sentence, shall designate in writing, signed by
10 the foreman of the jury, the aggravating circumstance or circumstances which it
11 found beyond a reasonable doubt. In nonjury cases, the judge shall make such
12 designation. In all cases unless at least one (1) of the statutory aggravating
13 circumstances enumerated in subsection (2) of this section is so found, the death
14 penalty, or imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole, or the
15 sentence to imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole until the
16 defendant has served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of his or her sentence,
17 shall not be imposed.

18 →Section 28. KRS 439.320 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) (a) The Governor shall appoint a Parole Board consisting of nine (9) full-time
20 members to be confirmed by the Senate in accordance with KRS 11.160.

21 (b) The Governor shall make each appointment from a list of three (3) names
22 given to him or her by the Kentucky State Corrections Commission.

23 (c) Each member appointed to the board shall have had at least five (5) years of
24 actual experience in the field of penology, correction work, law enforcement,
25 sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof, or
26 have served at least five (5) years previously on the Parole Board.

27 (d) No more than six (6) board members shall be of the same political party.

1 (e) The board shall be attached to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for
 2 administrative purposes only. The Department of Corrections shall provide
 3 any clerical, stenographic, administrative, and expert staff assistance the board
 4 deems necessary to carry out its duties.

5 (2) The Governor shall designate one (1) member as chairperson of the board. The
 6 member designated as chairperson shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the
 7 Governor or until his or her term expires.

8 (3) (a) The members of the board shall give full time to the duties of their office and
 9 shall receive necessary traveling expenses and a salary to be determined
 10 pursuant to KRS 64.640(2), except the chairperson of the board shall receive
 11 additional compensation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for his or
 12 her services.

13 (b) *The members of the board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but*
 14 *for no more than four (4) years without reappointment.* ~~Their terms of office~~
 15 ~~shall be four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and have~~
 16 ~~qualified]. Their successors shall be appointed thereafter as provided in this~~
 17 ~~section[for terms of four (4) years, and a vacancy occurring before expiration~~
 18 ~~of the term of office shall be similarly filled for the unexpired term].~~

19 (4) The organization of the board shall be determined by the chairperson and shall be
 20 consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340.
 21 For policy and procedural matters, five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

22 (5) Parole and final parole revocation hearings may be done by panels of the board,
 23 subject to the following requirements:

24 (a) *A panel shall consist of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6)*
 25 *members* ~~If a two (2) member panel is utilized, both members of the panel~~
 26 ~~shall agree on the decision or the matter shall be referred to the full board];~~
 27 *and*

1 (b) All members of the panel shall agree on a decision or the matter shall be
 2 referred to the full board [~~If a three (3) member panel is utilized, two (2) of~~
 3 ~~the three (3) members of the panel shall agree on a decision or the matter shall~~
 4 ~~be referred to the full board; and~~

5 ~~(c) If a panel of four (4) or more members is utilized, a majority of the panel shall~~
 6 ~~agree on a decision or the matter shall be referred to the full board].~~

7 ~~[(5) The Governor may not remove any member of the board except for disability,~~
 8 ~~inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. Before removal, he or she~~
 9 ~~shall give the member a written copy of the charges against him or her and shall fix~~
 10 ~~the time when he or she can be heard in his or her defense, which shall not be less~~
 11 ~~than ten (10) days thereafter. Upon removal, the Governor shall file in the office of~~
 12 ~~the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against the member~~
 13 ~~and the findings thereupon with a record of the proceedings.]~~

14 ➔ Section 29. KRS 439.330 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The board shall:

16 (a) Study the case histories of persons eligible for parole, and deliberate on that
 17 record;

18 (b) Conduct reviews and hearings on the desirability of granting parole;

19 (c) Impose upon the parolee or conditional releasee such conditions as it sees fit;

20 (d) Order the granting of parole upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership
 21 of the full board, or pursuant to subsection (5) of Section 28 of this Act;

22 (e) Issue warrants for persons charged with violations of parole and
 23 postincarceration supervision and conduct hearings on such charges, subject
 24 to the provisions of KRS 439.341, 532.043, and 532.400;

25 (f) Determine the period of supervision for parolees, which period may be subject
 26 to extension or reduction after recommendation of the cabinet is received and
 27 considered; and

- 1 (g) Grant final discharge to parolees.
- 2 (2) The board shall adopt an official seal of which the courts shall take judicial notice.
- 3 (3) The orders of the board shall not be reviewable except as to compliance with the
4 terms of KRS 439.250 to 439.560.
- 5 (4) The board shall keep a record of its acts, an electronic record of its meetings, a
6 written record of the votes of individual members, and the reasons for denying
7 parole to inmates. These records shall be public records in accordance with KRS
8 61.870 to 61.884. The board shall notify each institution of its decisions relating to
9 the persons who are or have been confined in that institution~~[therein]~~, and shall
10 submit to the Governor a report with statistical and other data of its work at the
11 close of each fiscal year.

12 ➔Section 30. KRS 433.236 is amended to read as follows:

- 13 (1) A peace officer, security agent of a mercantile establishment, merchant, or
14 merchant's employee who has probable cause to believe~~[for believing]~~ that goods
15 held for sale by the merchant have been unlawfully taken by a person may take the
16 person into custody and detain him or her in a reasonable manner for a reasonable
17 length of time, on the premises of the mercantile establishment or off the premises
18 of the mercantile establishment, if the persons enumerated in this section are in
19 fresh pursuit, for any~~[or all]~~ of the following purposes:
- 20 (a) To request identification;
- 21 (b) To verify such identification;
- 22 (c) To make reasonable inquiry as to whether such person has in his or her
23 possession unpurchased merchandise, and to make reasonable investigation of
24 the ownership of such merchandise;
- 25 (d) To recover or attempt to recover goods taken from the mercantile
26 establishment by such person, or by others accompanying him or her; or
- 27 (e) To inform a peace officer or law enforcement agency of the detention of the

1 person and to surrender the person to the custody of a peace officer, and in the
 2 case of a minor, to inform the parents, guardian, or other person having
 3 custody of that minor of his or her detention, in addition to surrendering the
 4 minor to the custody of a peace officer.

5 (2) **Any person exercising any authority granted in subsection (1) of this section may**
 6 **use a reasonable amount of force necessary to protect himself or herself and to**
 7 **prevent the escape of the person detained or the loss of goods for sale.**

8 (3) The recovery of goods taken from the mercantile establishment by the person
 9 detained or by others shall not limit the right of the persons named in subsection (1)
 10 of this section to detain such person for peace officers or otherwise accomplish the
 11 purposes of subsection (1) of this section.

12 ~~(4)~~⁽³⁾ **Any person enumerated in subsection (1) of this section shall be immune**
 13 **from criminal and civil liability for exercising any authority granted under this**
 14 **section.**

15 (5) Any peace officer may arrest without warrant any person he or she has probable
 16 cause to believe~~[for believing]~~ has committed larceny in retail or wholesale
 17 establishments.

18 ➔Section 31. KRS 439.3401 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) As used in this section, "violent offender" means any person who has been
 20 convicted of or pled guilty to the commission of:

- 21 (a) A capital offense;
- 22 (b) A Class A felony;
- 23 (c) A Class B felony involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury
 24 to a victim;
- 25 (d) An offense described in KRS 507.040 or 507.050 where the offense involves
 26 the killing of a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services
 27 personnel while the peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services

- 1 personnel was acting in the line of duty;
- 2 (e) A Class B felony involving criminal attempt **under Section 26 of this Act** to
- 3 commit murder [~~under KRS 506.010 if the victim of the offense is a clearly~~
- 4 ~~identifiable peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services~~
- 5 ~~personnel acting in the line of duty,~~] regardless of whether an injury results;
- 6 (f) The commission or attempted commission of a felony sexual offense
- 7 described in KRS Chapter 510;
- 8 (g) Use of a minor in a sexual performance as described in KRS 531.310;
- 9 (h) Promoting a sexual performance by a minor as described in KRS 531.320;
- 10 (i) Unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree as described in KRS
- 11 530.064(1)(a);
- 12 (j) Human trafficking under KRS 529.100 involving commercial sexual activity
- 13 where the victim is a minor;
- 14 (k) Criminal abuse in the first degree as described in KRS 508.100;
- 15 (l) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by the commission or attempted
- 16 commission of an assault described in KRS 508.010, 508.020, 508.032, or
- 17 508.060;
- 18 (m) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by commission or attempted
- 19 commission of kidnapping as prohibited by KRS 509.040;
- 20 (n) Robbery in the first degree;~~[or]~~
- 21 (o) Incest as described in KRS 530.020(2)(b) or (c);
- 22 **(p) Carjacking as described in Section 9 of this Act; or**
- 23 **(q) A Class B felony violation of promoting contraband in the first degree as**
- 24 **described in Section 15 of this Act; or**
- 25 **(r) Wanton endangerment in the first degree as described in Section 38 of this**
- 26 **Act involving the discharge of a firearm.**

27 The court shall designate in its judgment if the victim suffered death or serious

1 physical injury.

- 2 (2) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense and who has
3 received a life sentence (and has not been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years
4 without parole or imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole), or a
5 Class A felony and receives a life sentence, or to death and his or her sentence is
6 commuted to a life sentence shall not be released on probation or parole until he or
7 she has served at least twenty (20) years in the penitentiary. Violent offenders may
8 have a greater minimum parole eligibility date than other offenders who receive
9 longer sentences, including a sentence of life imprisonment.
- 10 (3) (a) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense or Class A
11 felony with a sentence of a term of years or Class B felony shall not be
12 released on probation or parole until he or she has served at least eighty-five
13 percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.
- 14 (b) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040
15 where the victim of the offense was clearly identifiable as a peace officer, a
16 firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel, and the victim was
17 acting in the line of duty shall not be released on probation or parole until he
18 or she has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.
- 19 (c) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040 or
20 507.050 where the victim of the offense was a peace officer, a firefighter, or
21 emergency medical services personnel, and the victim was acting in the line
22 of duty shall not be released on probation or parole until he or she has served
23 at least fifty percent (50%) of the sentence imposed.
- 24 (d) Any offender who has been convicted of a homicide or fetal homicide offense
25 under KRS Chapter 507 or 507A in which the victim of the offense died as
26 the result of an overdose of a Schedule I controlled substance and who is not
27 otherwise subject to paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection shall not be

1 released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or other
 2 form of early release until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of
 3 the sentence imposed.

4 **(e) A violent offender who has been convicted of Class C or D felony and has**
 5 **previously been classified as a violent offender pursuant to subsection (1) of**
 6 **this section shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole,**
 7 **conditional discharge, or other form of early release until he or she has**
 8 **served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.**

9 (4) A violent offender shall not be awarded any credit on his **or her** sentence authorized
 10 by KRS 197.045(1)(b)1. In no event shall a violent offender be given credit on his
 11 or her sentence if the credit reduces the term of imprisonment to less than eighty-
 12 five percent (85%) of the sentence.

13 (5) This section shall not apply to a person who has been determined by a court to have
 14 been a victim of domestic violence or abuse pursuant to KRS 533.060 with regard
 15 to the offenses involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to the
 16 victim. The provisions of this subsection shall not extend to rape in the first degree
 17 or sodomy in the first degree by the defendant.

18 (6) This section shall apply only to those persons who commit offenses after July 15,
 19 1998.

20 (7) For offenses committed prior to July 15, 1998, the version of this statute in effect
 21 immediately prior to that date shall continue to apply.

22 (8) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section extending the definition of "violent
 23 offender" to persons convicted of or pleading guilty to robbery in the first degree
 24 shall apply only to persons whose crime was committed after July 15, 2002.

25 ➔Section 32. KRS 508.075 is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the first degree when he or she:

27 (a) Intentionally makes false statements that he or she or another person has

1 placed a weapon of mass destruction on:

- 2 1. The real property or any building of any public or private elementary or
- 3 secondary school, vocational school, or institution of postsecondary
- 4 education;
- 5 2. A school bus or other vehicle owned, operated, or leased by a school;
- 6 3. The real property or any building public or private that is the site of an
- 7 official school-sanctioned function;
- 8 4. The real property or any building owned or leased by a government
- 9 agency;~~[-or]~~
- 10 5. The real property or any building owned or leased by a domestic
- 11 violence shelter as defined in KRS 511.085;~~[-or]~~

12 **6. Any workplace; or**

13 **7. The real property or any building public or private that is the site of**
 14 **any gathering of three (3) or more persons; or**

15 (b) Intentionally and without lawful authority, places a counterfeit weapon of
 16 mass destruction at any location or on any object specified in paragraph (a) of
 17 this subsection.

18 (2) A counterfeit weapon of mass destruction is placed with lawful authority if it is
 19 placed, with the written permission of the chief officer of the school or other
 20 institution, as a part of an official training exercise and is placed by a public
 21 servant, as defined in KRS 522.010.

22 (3) A person is not guilty of commission of an offense under this section if he or she,
 23 innocently and believing the information to be true, communicates a threat made by
 24 another person to school personnel, domestic violence shelter personnel, a peace
 25 officer, a law enforcement agency, a public agency involved in emergency
 26 response, or a public safety answering point and identifies the person from whom
 27 the threat was communicated, if known.

1 (4) Terroristic threatening in the first degree is a Class C felony.

2 ➔Section 33. KRS 508.078 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as
4 provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:

5 (a) With respect to any scheduled, publicly advertised event open to the public,
6 any place of worship,~~[-or]~~ any school function, **any workplace, or any**
7 **gathering of three (3) or more persons,** threatens to commit **by any means,**
8 **including by use of a firearm,** any act likely to result in death or serious
9 physical injury to any person~~[at a scheduled, publicly advertised event open~~
10 ~~to the public, any person at a place of worship, or any student group, teacher,~~
11 ~~volunteer worker, or employee of a public or private elementary or secondary~~
12 ~~school, vocational school, or institution of postsecondary education, or to any~~
13 ~~other person reasonably expected to lawfully be on school property or at a~~
14 ~~school sanctioned activity, if the threat is related to their employment by a~~
15 ~~school, or work or attendance at school, or a school function]. A threat~~
16 directed at a person or persons at a scheduled, publicly advertised event open
17 to the public, place of worship,~~[-or]~~ school, **workplace, or gathering of three**
18 **(3) or more persons** does not need to identify a specific person or persons or
19 school in order for a violation of this section to occur;

20 (b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic
21 communication, indicating that an act likely to result in death or serious
22 physical injury is occurring or will occur for the purpose of:

- 23 1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-
- 24 sanctioned activity;
- 25 2. Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or
- 26 3. Creating fear of death or serious physical injury among students,
- 27 parents, or school personnel;

1 (c) Makes false statements that he or she has placed a weapon of mass destruction
2 at any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075; or

3 (d) Without lawful authority places a counterfeit weapon of mass destruction at
4 any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075.

5 (2) A counterfeit weapon of mass destruction is placed with lawful authority if it is
6 placed as part of an official training exercise by a public servant, as defined in KRS
7 522.010.

8 (3) A person is not guilty of commission of an offense under this section if he or she,
9 innocently and believing the information to be true, communicates a threat made by
10 another person to school personnel, a peace officer, a law enforcement agency, a
11 public agency involved in emergency response, or a public safety answering point
12 and identifies the person from whom the threat was communicated, if known.

13 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, terroristic threatening in the
14 second degree is a Class D felony.

15 (5) Terroristic threatening in the second degree is a Class C felony when, in addition to
16 violating subsection (1) of this section, the person intentionally engages in
17 substantial conduct required to prepare for or carry out the threatened act, including
18 but not limited to gathering weapons, ammunition, body armor, vehicles, or
19 materials required to manufacture a weapon of mass destruction.

20 ➔Section 34. KRS 158.155 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) **Any school employee who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a person**
22 **has made threats or plans of violence which are intended to target a school or**
23 **students or who knows that a firearm is present on school property in violation of**
24 **KRS 527.070 shall immediately cause a report to be made to a local law**
25 **enforcement agency not established by the local board of education and to the**
26 **Department of Kentucky State Police.**

27 (2) **Any school employee shall immediately report to a local law enforcement agency**

1 not established by the local board of education and to the Department of
 2 Kentucky State Police any act which the employee has a reasonable cause to
 3 believe has occurred on school property or at a school-sponsored or sanctioned
 4 event involving:

5 (a) Assault resulting in serious physical injury;

6 (b) A sexual offense;

7 (c) Kidnapping;

8 (d) Assault with the use of a weapon;

9 (e) Possession of a firearm or deadly weapon in violation of the law;

10 (f) The use, possession, or sale of a controlled substance in violation of the
 11 law; or

12 (g) Damage to property.

13 (3) Any school employee who receives information from a student or other person of
 14 conduct which is required to be reported under subsection (1) or (2) of this
 15 section shall report the conduct in the same manner as required by that
 16 subsection.

17 (4) If a student has been adjudicated guilty of an offense specified in this subsection or
 18 has been expelled from school for an offense specified in this subsection, prior to a
 19 student's admission to any school, the parent, guardian, principal, or other person or
 20 agency responsible for a student shall provide to the school a sworn statement or
 21 affirmation indicating on a form provided by the Kentucky Board of Education that
 22 the student has been adjudicated guilty or expelled from school attendance at a
 23 public or private school in this state or another state for homicide, assault, or an
 24 offense in violation of state law or school regulations relating to weapons, alcohol,
 25 or drugs. The sworn statement or affirmation shall be sent to the receiving school
 26 within five (5) working days of the time when the student requests enrollment in the
 27 new school.

1 ~~(5)~~~~(2)~~ If any student who has been expelled from attendance at a public or private
 2 school in this state for homicide, assault, or an offense in violation of state law or
 3 school regulations relating to weapons, alcohol, or drugs requests transfer of his
 4 records, those records shall reflect the charges and final disposition of the expulsion
 5 proceedings.

6 ~~(6)~~~~(3)~~ If any student who is subject to an expulsion proceeding at a public or private
 7 school in this state for homicide, assault, or an offense in violation of state law or
 8 school regulations relating to weapons, alcohol, or drugs requests transfer of his
 9 records to a new school, the records shall not be transferred until that proceeding
 10 has been terminated and shall reflect the charges and any final disposition of the
 11 expulsion proceedings.

12 ~~[(4) A person who is an administrator, teacher, or other employee of a public or private~~
 13 ~~school shall promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or the~~
 14 ~~Department of Kentucky State Police, by telephone or otherwise, if:~~

15 ~~(a) The person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that conduct has~~
 16 ~~occurred which constitutes:~~

17 ~~1. A misdemeanor or violation offense under the laws of this~~
 18 ~~Commonwealth and relates to:~~

19 ~~a. Carrying, possession, or use of a deadly weapon; or~~

20 ~~b. Use, possession, or sale of controlled substances; or~~

21 ~~2. Any felony offense under the laws of this Commonwealth; and~~

22 ~~(b) The conduct occurred on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000)~~
 23 ~~feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or~~
 24 ~~sanctioned event.~~

25 ~~(5) A person who is an administrator, teacher, supervisor, or other employee of a public~~
 26 ~~or private school who receives information from a student or other person of~~
 27 ~~conduct which is required to be reported under subsection (1) of this section shall~~

1 ~~report the conduct in the same manner as required by that subsection.]~~

2 ~~(7)(6)~~ Neither the husband-wife privilege of KRE 504 nor any professional-client
 3 privilege, including those set forth in KRE 506 and 507, shall be a ground for
 4 refusing to make a report required under this section or for excluding evidence in a
 5 judicial proceeding of the making of a report and of the conduct giving rise to the
 6 making of a report. However, the attorney-client privilege of KRE 503 and the
 7 religious privilege of KRE 505 are grounds for refusing to make a report or for
 8 excluding evidence as to the report and the underlying conduct.

9 ~~(8)(7)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed as to require self-incrimination.

10 ~~(9)(8)~~ A person acting upon reasonable cause in the making of a report under this
 11 section in good faith shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might
 12 otherwise be incurred or imposed from:

- 13 (a) Making the report; and
- 14 (b) Participating in any judicial proceeding that resulted from the report.

15 ➔Section 35. KRS 158.148 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) (a) As used in this section, "bullying" means any unwanted verbal, physical, or
 17 social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power
 18 imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated:

- 19 1. That occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or
- 20 at a school-sponsored event; or
- 21 2. That disrupts the education process.

22 (b) This definition shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions
 23 or debate or cultural practices protected under the state or federal Constitution
 24 where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially
 25 disrupt the education process.

26 (2) In cooperation with the Kentucky Education Association, the Kentucky School
 27 Boards Association, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the

1 Kentucky Association of Professional Educators, the Kentucky Association of
2 School Superintendents, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Kentucky Chamber
3 of Commerce, the Farm Bureau, members of the Interim Joint Committee on
4 Education, and other interested groups, and in collaboration with the Center for
5 School Safety, the Department of Education shall develop or update as needed and
6 distribute to all districts by August 31 of each even-numbered year, beginning
7 August 31, 2008:

- 8 (a) Statewide student discipline guidelines to ensure safe schools, including the
9 definition of serious incident for the reporting purposes as identified in KRS
10 158.444;
- 11 (b) Recommendations designed to improve the learning environment and school
12 climate, parental and community involvement in the schools, and student
13 achievement; and
- 14 (c) A model policy to implement the provisions of this section and KRS 158.156,
15 158.444, 525.070, and 525.080.
- 16 (3) The department shall obtain statewide data on major discipline problems and
17 reasons why students drop out of school. In addition, the department, in
18 collaboration with the Center for School Safety, shall identify successful strategies
19 currently being used in programs in Kentucky and in other states and shall
20 incorporate those strategies into the statewide guidelines and the recommendations
21 under subsection (2) of this section.
- 22 (4) Copies of the discipline guidelines shall be distributed to all school districts. The
23 statewide guidelines shall contain broad principles and legal requirements to guide
24 local districts in developing their own discipline code and school councils in the
25 selection of discipline and classroom management techniques under KRS
26 158.155~~[158.154]~~; and in the development of the district-wide safety plan.
- 27 (5) (a) Each local board of education shall be responsible for formulating a code of

1 acceptable behavior and discipline to apply to the students in each school
2 operated by the board. The code shall be updated no less frequently than every
3 two (2) years, with the first update being completed by November 30, 2008.

4 (b) The superintendent, or designee, shall be responsible for overall
5 implementation and supervision, and each school principal shall be
6 responsible for administration and implementation within each school. Each
7 school council shall select and implement the appropriate discipline and
8 classroom management techniques necessary to carry out the code. The board
9 shall establish a process for a two-way communication system for teachers
10 and other employees to notify a principal, supervisor, or other administrator of
11 an existing emergency.

12 (c) The code shall prohibit bullying.

13 (d) The code shall contain the type of behavior expected from each student, the
14 consequences of failure to obey the standards, and the importance of the
15 standards to the maintenance of a safe learning environment where orderly
16 learning is possible and encouraged.

17 (e) The code shall contain:

- 18 1. Procedures for identifying, documenting, and reporting incidents of
19 bullying, incidents of violations of the code, and incidents for which
20 reporting is required under KRS 158.156;
- 21 2. Procedures for investigating and responding to a complaint or a report of
22 bullying or a violation of the code, or of an incident for which reporting
23 is required under KRS 158.156, including reporting incidents to the
24 parents, legal guardians, or other persons exercising custodial control or
25 supervision of the students involved;
- 26 3. A strategy or method of protecting from retaliation a complainant or
27 person reporting an incident of bullying, a violation of the code, or an

- 1 incident for which reporting is required under KRS 158.156;
- 2 4. A process for informing students, parents, legal guardians, or other
- 3 persons exercising custodial control or supervision, and school
- 4 employees of the requirements of the code and the provisions of this
- 5 section and KRS 158.156, 158.444, 525.070, and 525.080, including
- 6 training for school employees; and
- 7 5. Information regarding the consequences of bullying and violating the
- 8 code and violations reportable under KRS ~~158.155~~[158.154], 158.156,
- 9 or 158.444.

10 (f) The principal of each school shall apply the code of behavior and discipline

11 uniformly and fairly to each student at the school without partiality or

12 discrimination.

13 (g) A copy of the code of behavior and discipline adopted by the board of

14 education shall be posted at each school. Guidance counselors shall be

15 provided copies for discussion with students. The code shall be referenced in

16 all school handbooks. All school employees and parents, legal guardians, or

17 other persons exercising custodial control or supervision shall be provided

18 copies of the code.

19 ➔Section 36. KRS 506.040 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) A person having the intention of promoting or facilitating the commission of a

21 crime is guilty of criminal conspiracy when he:

22 (a) Agrees with one (1) or more persons that at least one (1) of them will engage

23 in conduct constituting that crime or an attempt or solicitation to commit such

24 a crime; or

25 (b) Agrees to aid one or more persons in the planning or commission of that

26 crime or an attempt or solicitation to commit such a crime.

27 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, or in a specific statute to the

1 contrary, a criminal conspiracy is a:

- 2 (a) Class C felony when the conspiratorial agreement is a violation of KRS
3 521.020 or 521.050;
- 4 (b) Class B felony when the object of the conspiratorial agreement is a Class A
5 felony or capital offense;
- 6 (c) Class C felony when the object of the conspiratorial agreement is a Class B
7 felony;
- 8 (d) Class A misdemeanor when the object of the conspiratorial agreement is a
9 Class C or D felony;
- 10 (e) Class B misdemeanor when the object of the conspiratorial agreement is a
11 misdemeanor.

12 **(3) Any person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older who engages in a criminal**
13 **conspiracy with a minor shall be charged one (1) level higher than the level**
14 **provided for the offense which is the object of the conspiratorial agreement.**

15 ➔Section 37. KRS 218A.1402 is amended to read as follows:

16 **Except as provided in subsection (3) of Section 36 of this Act,** any person who commits
17 a criminal conspiracy as defined in KRS 506.040 to commit any offense in this chapter
18 shall be subject to the same penalties as provided for the underlying offense as specified
19 in this chapter.

20 ➔Section 38. KRS 508.060 is amended to read as follows:

- 21 (1) A person is guilty of wanton endangerment in the first degree when, under
22 circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, he **or**
23 **she** wantonly engages in conduct which creates a substantial danger of death or
24 serious physical injury to another person.
- 25 (2) Wanton endangerment in the first degree is a Class D felony, **unless the person**
26 **discharges a firearm in the commission of the offense, in which case it is a Class**
27 **C felony.**

1 ➔Section 39. KRS 524.040 is amended to read as follows:

- 2 (1) A person is guilty of intimidating a participant in the legal process when, by use of
3 harassing communications as described in KRS 525.080, physical force, or a
4 threat directed to a person he or she believes to be a participant in the legal process,
5 he or she:
- 6 (a) Influences, or attempts to influence, the testimony, vote, decision, or opinion
7 of that person;
 - 8 (b) Induces, or attempts to induce, that person to avoid legal process summoning
9 him or her to testify;
 - 10 (c) Induces, or attempts to induce, that person to absent himself or herself from
11 an official proceeding to which he has been legally summoned;
 - 12 (d) Induces, or attempts to induce, that person to withhold a record, document, or
13 other object from an official proceeding;
 - 14 (e) Induces, or attempts to induce, that person to alter, destroy, mutilate, or
15 conceal an object with intent to impair the object's integrity or availability for
16 use in an official proceeding; or
 - 17 (f) Hinders, delays, or prevents the communication to a law enforcement officer
18 or judge of information relating to the possible commission of an offense or a
19 violation of conditions of probation, parole or release pending judicial
20 proceedings.
- 21 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 22 (a) An official proceeding need not be pending or about to be instituted at the
23 time of the offense; and
 - 24 (b) The testimony, record, document, or other object need not be admissible in
25 evidence or free of a claim of privilege.
- 26 (3) Intimidating a participant in the legal process is a Class D felony.
- 27 (4) In order for a person to be convicted of a violation of this section, the act against a

1 participant in the legal process or the immediate family of a participant in the legal
2 process shall be related to the performance of a duty or role played by the
3 participant in the legal process.

4 ➔Section 40. KRS 439.340 is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (1) The board may release on parole persons confined in any adult state penal or
6 correctional institution of Kentucky or sentenced felons incarcerated in county jails
7 eligible for parole. All paroles shall issue upon order of the board duly adopted. As
8 soon as practicable after his or her admission to an adult state penal or correctional
9 institution or county jail if he or she is a sentenced felon, and at such intervals
10 thereafter as it may determine, the Department of Corrections shall obtain all
11 pertinent information regarding each prisoner, except those not eligible for parole.
12 The information shall include the results of his or her most recent risk and needs
13 assessment, his or her criminal record, his or her conduct, employment, and the
14 reports of physical and mental examinations that have been made. The Department
15 of Corrections shall furnish the circumstances of his or her offense, the results of
16 his or her most recent risk and needs assessment, and his or her previous social
17 history to the board. The Department of Corrections shall prepare a report on any
18 information it obtains. It shall be the duty of the Department of Corrections to
19 supplement this report with any material the board may request and submit the
20 report to the board.
- 21 (2) Before granting the parole of any prisoner, the board shall consider the pertinent
22 information regarding the prisoner, including the results of his or her most recent
23 risk and needs assessment, and shall have him or her appear before it for interview
24 and hearing. The board in its discretion may hold interviews and hearings for
25 prisoners convicted of Class C felonies not included within the definition of
26 "violent offender" in KRS 439.3401 and Class D felonies not included within the
27 definition of "sex crime" in KRS 17.500. The board in its discretion may request the

1 parole board of another state confining prisoners pursuant to KRS 196.610 to
2 interview eligible prisoners and make a parole recommendation to the board. A
3 parole shall be ordered only for the best interest of society and not as an award of
4 clemency, and it shall not be considered a reduction of sentence or pardon. A
5 prisoner shall be placed on parole only when arrangements have been made for his
6 or her proper employment or for his or her maintenance and care, and when the
7 board believes he or she is able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law abiding
8 citizen. Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, including KRS 440.330, when
9 a prisoner is otherwise eligible for parole and the board has recommended parole
10 for that prisoner for the reasons set forth in this subsection, the board may grant
11 parole to any prisoner wanted as a fugitive by any other jurisdiction, and the
12 prisoner shall be released to the detainer from that jurisdiction. Such parole shall
13 not constitute a relinquishment of jurisdiction over the prisoner, and the board in all
14 cases expressly reserves the right to return the prisoner to confinement in a
15 correctional institution of the Commonwealth if the prisoner violates the terms of
16 his or her parole.

- 17 (3) (a) A nonviolent offender convicted of a Class D felony with an aggregate
18 sentence of one (1) to five (5) years who is confined to a state penal institution
19 or county jail shall have his or her case reviewed by the Parole Board after
20 serving fifteen percent (15%) or two (2) months of the original sentence,
21 whichever is longer.
- 22 (b) Except as provided in this section, the board shall adopt administrative
23 regulations with respect to the eligibility of prisoners for parole, the conduct
24 of parole and parole revocation hearings and all other matters that come
25 before it, or conditions to be imposed upon parolees. Regulations governing
26 the eligibility of prisoners for parole shall be in accordance with
27 professionally accepted ideas of correction and reform and may utilize in part

1 objective, performance-based criteria and risk and needs assessment
2 information; however, nothing herein contained shall preclude the board from
3 utilizing its present regulations in conjunction with other factors involved that
4 would relate to the inmate's needs and the safety of the public.

5 (4) The board shall ensure~~[insure]~~ that all sentenced felons who have longer than
6 ninety (90) days to serve in state penal institutions, halfway houses, reentry centers,
7 and county jails are considered for parole not less than sixty (60) days prior to their
8 parole eligibility date, and the Department of Corrections shall provide the
9 necessary assistance and information to the board in order for it to conduct timely
10 parole reviews.

11 (5) In addition to or in conjunction with each hearing conducted under subsection (2) of
12 this section for any prisoner convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony or a Class D
13 felony included within the definition of "sex crime" in KRS 17.500 and prior to the
14 granting of a parole to any such prisoner, the Parole Board shall conduct a hearing
15 of which the following persons shall receive not less than forty-five (45) nor more
16 than ninety (90) days' notice: the Commonwealth's attorney who shall notify the
17 sheriff of every county and the chief of police of every city and county in which the
18 prisoner committed any Class A, B, or C felony or a Class D felony included within
19 the definition of "sex crime" in KRS 17.500 for which he or she is imprisoned, and
20 all identified victims of the crimes or the next of kin of any victim who is deceased.
21 Notice to the Commonwealth's attorney shall be by mail, fax, or electronic means at
22 the discretion of the board, and shall be in a manner that ensures receipt at the
23 Commonwealth's~~[Commonwealth]~~ attorney's business office. Notices received by
24 chiefs of police and sheriffs shall be posted in a conspicuous location where police
25 employed by the department may see it. Notices shall be posted in a manner and at
26 a time that will allow officers to make comment thereon to the Parole Board. Notice
27 to victims or their next of kin shall be made, for prisoners incarcerated prior to July

1 15, 1986, by mail, fax, or electronic means at the discretion of the board, and shall
2 be in a manner that ensures receipt by the Commonwealth's attorney, who shall
3 forward the notice promptly to the victims or their next of kin at their last known
4 address. For prisoners incarcerated on or after July 15, 1986, notice to the victims
5 or their next of kin shall be by mail from the Parole Board to their last known
6 address as provided by the Commonwealth's attorney to the Parole Board at the
7 time of incarceration of the prisoner. For prisoners incarcerated prior to April 1,
8 2021, for a Class D felony included within the definition of "sex crime" in KRS
9 17.500, notice to the victims or their next of kin shall be in a manner that ensures
10 receipt by the Commonwealth's attorney, who shall forward the notice promptly to
11 the victims or their next of kin at their last known address. For prisoners
12 incarcerated on or after April 1, 2021, for a Class D felony included within the
13 definition of "sex crime" in KRS 17.500, notice to the victims or their next of kin
14 shall be by mail from the Parole Board to their last known address as provided by
15 the Commonwealth's attorney to the Parole Board at the time of incarceration of the
16 prisoner. Notice to the victim or the next of kin of subsequent considerations for
17 parole after the initial consideration shall not be sent if the victim or the next of kin
18 gives notice to the board that he or she no longer wants to receive such notices. The
19 notice shall include the time, date, and place of the hearing provided for in this
20 subsection, and the name and address of a person to write if the recipient of the
21 notice desires to attend the hearing or to submit written comments.

- 22 (6) Persons receiving notice as provided for in subsection (5) of this section may
23 submit comments, in person or in writing, to the board upon all issues relating to
24 the parole of the prisoner. The board shall read and consider all comments prior to
25 making its parole decision, if they are received by the board not less than seven (7)
26 days before the date for the hearing. The board shall retain all comments in the
27 prisoner's permanent Parole Board file, and shall consider them in conjunction with

1 any subsequent parole decisions affecting the prisoner. In addition to officers listed
2 in subsection (5) of this section, the crime victims or the next of kin of any victim
3 who is deceased or who is disabled and cannot attend the hearing or the parent or
4 legal guardian of any victim who is a minor may attend the hearing provided for in
5 subsection (5) of this section and present oral and written comments upon all issues
6 relating to the parole of the prisoner, if they have advised the board, in writing
7 received by the board not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for the
8 hearing, of their intention to attend the hearing. The board shall receive and
9 consider all comments, shall make a record of them which it shall retain in the
10 prisoner's permanent Parole Board file, and shall consider them in conjunction with
11 any subsequent parole decision affecting the prisoner. Persons appearing before the
12 Parole Board pursuant to this subsection may elect to make their presentations
13 outside of the presence of the prisoner.

14 (7) Victims of Class D felonies not included within the definition of "sex crime" in
15 KRS 17.500 may submit comments in person or in writing to the board upon all
16 issues relating to the parole of a prisoner.

17 (8) Any hearing provided for in subsections (5), (6), and (7) of this section shall be
18 open to the public unless the persons having a right to appear before the board as
19 specified in those subsections request closure of hearing for reasons of personal
20 safety, in which event the hearing shall be closed. The time, date, and location of
21 closed hearings shall not be disclosed to the public.

22 (9) Except as specifically set forth in this section, nothing in this section shall be
23 deemed to expand or abridge any existing rights of persons to contact and
24 communicate with the Parole Board or any of its members, agents, or employees.

25 (10) The unintentional failure by the Parole Board, sheriff, chief of police, or any of its
26 members, agents, or employees or by a Commonwealth's attorney or any of his or
27 her agents or employees to comply with any of the provisions of subsections (5),

1 (6), and (8) of this section shall not affect the validity of any parole decision or give
2 rise to any right or cause of action by the crime victim, the prisoner, or any other
3 person.

4 (11) No eligible sexual offender within the meaning of KRS 197.400 to 197.440 shall be
5 granted parole unless he or she has successfully completed the Sexual Offender
6 Treatment Program.

7 (12) Any prisoner who is granted parole after completion of the Sexual Offender
8 Treatment Program shall be required, as a condition of his or her parole, to
9 participate in regular treatment in a mental health program approved or operated by
10 the Department of Corrections.

11 (13) When the board grants parole contingent upon completion of a program, the
12 commissioner, or his or her designee, shall determine the most appropriate
13 placement in a program operated by the department or a residential or
14 nonresidential program within the community approved by the department. If the
15 department releases a parolee to a nonresidential program, the department shall
16 release the parolee only if he or she will have appropriate community housing
17 pursuant to KRS 439.3408.

18 (14) If the Parole Board does not grant parole to a prisoner, the maximum deferment for
19 a prisoner convicted of a non-violent, non-sexual Class C or Class D felony shall be
20 twenty-four (24) months. For all other prisoners who are eligible for parole:

21 (a) No parole deferment greater than five (5) years shall be ordered unless
22 approved by a majority vote of the full board; and

23 (b) No deferment shall exceed ten (10) years, except for life sentences.

24 (15) When an order for parole is issued, it shall recite the conditions thereof, **which may**
25 **include requiring the person to participate in a specific program designed to**
26 **reduce violence.**

27 ➔Section 41. KRS 533.030 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) The conditions of probation and conditional discharge shall be such as the court, in
2 its discretion, deems reasonably necessary to ensure that the defendant will lead a
3 law-abiding life or to assist him or her to do so. The court shall provide as an
4 explicit condition of every sentence to probation or conditional discharge that the
5 defendant not commit another offense during the period for which the sentence
6 remains subject to revocation.
- 7 (2) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge, the court may, in
8 addition to any other reasonable condition, require that the defendant:
- 9 (a) Avoid injurious or vicious habits;
 - 10 (b) Avoid persons or places of disreputable or harmful character;
 - 11 (c) Work faithfully at suitable employment as far as possible;
 - 12 (d) Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and remain in a specific
13 institution as required for that purpose;
 - 14 (e) Post a bond, without surety, conditioned on performance of any of the
15 prescribed conditions;
 - 16 (f) Support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
 - 17 (g) Pay the cost of the proceeding as set by the court;
 - 18 (h) Remain within a specified area;
 - 19 (i) Report to the probation officer as directed;
 - 20 (j) Permit the probation officer to visit him or her at his or her home or
21 elsewhere;
 - 22 (k) Answer all reasonable inquiries by the probation officer and promptly notify
23 the probation officer of any change in address or employment;
 - 24 (l) Submit to periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or alcohol, if
25 the defendant's record indicates a controlled substance or alcohol problem,
26 and to pay a reasonable fee, as determined by the court, which fee shall not
27 exceed the actual cost of the test and analysis and shall be paid directly to the

1 agency or agencies responsible for testing and analysis as compensation for
 2 the cost of the testing and analysis, as specified by written order of the court,
 3 performed under this subsection. For good cause shown, the testing fee may
 4 be waived by the court;

5 (m) Use an alcohol monitoring device, as defined in KRS 431.068. All costs
 6 associated with the device, including administrative and operating costs, shall
 7 be paid by the defendant. If the court determines that the defendant is
 8 indigent, and a person, county, or other organization has not agreed to pay the
 9 costs for the defendant in an attempt to reduce incarceration expenses and
 10 increase public safety, the court shall consider other conditions of probation or
 11 conditional discharge provided for in this section; ~~or~~

12 (n) During all or part of the period of probation or conditional discharge,
 13 participate in a global positioning monitoring system program operated by a
 14 county pursuant to KRS 67.372 and 67.374 under the same terms and
 15 conditions as provided in KRS 431.517; or

16 (o) Participate in a specific program designed to reduce violence.

17 (3) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge in a case where a
 18 victim of a crime has suffered monetary damage as a result of the crime due to his
 19 or her property having been converted, stolen, or unlawfully obtained, or its value
 20 substantially decreased as a result of the crime, or where the victim suffered actual
 21 medical expenses, direct out-of-pocket losses, or loss of earning as a direct result of
 22 the crime, or where the victim incurred expenses in relocating for the purpose of the
 23 victim's safety or the safety of a member of the victim's household, or if as a direct
 24 result of the crime the victim incurred medical expenses that were paid by the
 25 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Crime Victims Compensation Board,
 26 or any other governmental entity, the court shall order the defendant to make
 27 restitution in addition to any other penalty provided for the commission of the

1 offense. Payment of restitution to the victim shall have priority over payment of
2 restitution to any government agency. Restitution shall be ordered in the full
3 amount of the damages, unless the damages exceed one hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$100,000) or twice the amount of the gain from the commission of the offense,
5 whichever is greater, in which case the higher of these two (2) amounts shall be
6 awarded. The court may, in lieu of ordering monetary restitution, order the
7 defendant to make restitution by working for or on behalf of the victim. The court
8 shall determine the number of hours of work necessary by applying the then-
9 prevailing federal minimum wage to the total amount of monetary damage caused
10 by or incidental to the commission of the crime. The court may, with the consent of
11 the agency, order the defendant to work as specified in KRS 533.070. Any work
12 ordered pursuant to this section shall not be deemed employment for any purpose,
13 nor shall the person performing the work be deemed an employee for any purpose.
14 Where there is more than one (1) defendant or more than one (1) victim, restitution
15 may be apportioned. Restitution shall be subject to the following additional terms
16 and conditions:

- 17 (a) Where property which is unlawfully in the possession of the defendant is in
18 substantially undamaged condition from its condition at the time of the taking,
19 return of the property shall be ordered in lieu of monetary restitution;
- 20 (b) The circuit clerk shall assess an additional fee of five percent (5%) to defray
21 the administrative costs of collection of payments or property. This fee shall
22 be paid by the defendant and shall inure to a trust and agency account which
23 shall not lapse and which shall be used to hire additional deputy clerks and
24 office personnel or increase deputy clerk or office personnel salaries, or
25 combination thereof;
- 26 (c) When a defendant fails to make restitution ordered to be paid through the
27 circuit clerk or a court-authorized program run by the county attorney or the

1 Commonwealth's attorney, the circuit clerk or court-authorized program shall
2 notify the court; and

3 (d) An order of restitution shall not preclude the owner of property or the victim
4 who suffered personal physical or mental injury or out-of-pocket loss of
5 earnings or support or other damages from proceeding in a civil action to
6 recover damages from the defendant. A civil verdict shall be reduced by the
7 amount paid under the criminal restitution order.

8 (4) When requiring fees for controlled substances or alcohol tests, or other fees and
9 payments authorized by this section or other statute, except restitution, to be paid by
10 the defendant, the court shall not order the payments to be paid through the circuit
11 clerk.

12 (5) When a defendant is sentenced to probation or conditional discharge, he or she shall
13 be given a written statement explicitly setting forth the conditions under which he
14 or she is being released.

15 (6) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge, the court, in
16 addition to conditions imposed under this section, may require as a condition of the
17 sentence that the defendant submit to a period of imprisonment in the county jail or
18 to a period of home incarceration at whatever time or intervals, consecutive or
19 nonconsecutive, the court shall determine. The time actually spent in confinement
20 or home incarceration pursuant to this provision shall not exceed twelve (12)
21 months or the maximum term of imprisonment assessed pursuant to KRS Chapter
22 532, whichever is the shorter. Time spent in confinement or home incarceration
23 under this subsection shall be credited against the maximum term of imprisonment
24 assessed for the defendant pursuant to KRS Chapter 532, if probation or conditional
25 discharge is revoked and the defendant is sentenced to imprisonment. Any
26 prohibitions against probation, shock probation, or conditional discharge under
27 KRS 533.060(2) or 532.045 shall not apply to persons convicted of a misdemeanor

1 or Class D felony and sentenced to a period of confinement or home incarceration
2 under this section.

3 ➔Section 42. KRS 403.763 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Violation of the terms or conditions of an order of protection after the person has
5 been served or given notice of the order shall constitute contempt of court and a
6 criminal offense under this section. Once a criminal or contempt proceeding has
7 been initiated, the other shall not be undertaken regardless of the outcome of the
8 original proceeding.

9 (2) (a) Court proceedings for contempt of court for violation of an order of protection
10 shall be held in the county where the order was issued or filed.

11 (b) Court proceedings for a criminal violation of an order of protection shall
12 follow the rules of venue applicable to criminal cases generally.

13 (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Commonwealth from prosecuting and
14 convicting the respondent of criminal offenses other than violation of an order of
15 protection.

16 (4) (a) A person is guilty of a violation of an order of protection when he or she
17 intentionally violates the provisions of an order of protection after the person
18 has been served or given notice of the order.

19 (b) A first violation of an order of protection is a Class A misdemeanor.

20 (c) 1. A second or subsequent violation of an order of protection within five
21 (5) years is a Class D felony.

22 2. The victim in the second or subsequent violation is not required to be
23 the same person who was the victim in one (1) or more of the prior
24 violations in order for this paragraph to apply.

25 3. In determining the five (5) year period under this paragraph, the
26 period shall be measured from the dates on which the violations
27 occurred for which the judgments of conviction were entered by a

1 *court of competent jurisdiction.*

2 ➔Section 43. KRS 456.180 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) Violation of the terms or conditions of an order of protection after the person has
4 been served or given notice of the order shall constitute contempt of court and a
5 criminal offense under this section. Once a criminal or contempt proceeding has
6 been initiated, the other shall not be undertaken regardless of the outcome of the
7 original proceeding.
- 8 (2) (a) Court proceedings for contempt of court for violation of an order of protection
9 shall be held in the county where the order was issued or filed.
- 10 (b) Court proceedings for a criminal violation of an order of protection shall
11 follow the rules of venue applicable to criminal cases generally.
- 12 (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Commonwealth from prosecuting and
13 convicting the respondent of criminal offenses other than violation of an order of
14 protection.
- 15 (4) (a) A person is guilty of a violation of an order of protection when he or she
16 intentionally violates the provisions of an interpersonal protective order after
17 the person has been served or given notice of the order.
- 18 (b) A *first* violation of an order of protection is a Class A misdemeanor.
- 19 (c) 1. *A second or subsequent violation of an order of protection within five*
20 *(5) years is a Class D felony.*
- 21 2. *The victim in the second or subsequent violation is not required to be*
22 *the same person who was the victim in one (1) or more of the prior*
23 *violations in order for this paragraph to apply.*
- 24 3. *In determining the five (5) year period under this paragraph, the*
25 *period shall be measured from the dates on which the violations*
26 *occurred for which the judgments of conviction were entered by a*
27 *court of competent jurisdiction.*

1 ➔Section 44. KRS 500.080 is amended to read as follows:

2 As used in the Kentucky Penal Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 3 (1) "Actor" means any natural person and, where relevant, a corporation or an
4 unincorporated association;
- 5 (2) "Crime" means a misdemeanor or a felony;
- 6 (3) "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, including parts of the human body
7 when a serious physical injury is a direct result of the use of that part of the human
8 body, article, or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used,
9 attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or
10 serious physical injury. "Dangerous instrument" may include a laser;
- 11 (4) "Deadly weapon" means any of the following:
- 12 (a) A weapon of mass destruction;
- 13 (b) Any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other
14 serious physical injury, may be discharged;
- 15 (c) Any knife other than an ordinary pocket knife or hunting knife;
- 16 (d) Billy, nightstick, or club;
- 17 (e) Blackjack or slapjack;
- 18 (f) Nunchaku karate sticks;
- 19 (g) Shuriken or death star; or
- 20 (h) Artificial knuckles made from metal, plastic, or other similar hard material;
- 21 (5) "Felony" means an offense for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment of at
22 least one (1) year in the custody of the Department of Corrections may be imposed;
- 23 (6) "Government" means the United States, any state, county, municipality, or other
24 political unit, or any department, agency, or subdivision of any of the foregoing, or
25 any corporation or other association carrying out the functions of government;
- 26 (7) "He" means any natural person and, where relevant, a corporation or an
27 unincorporated association;

- 1 (8) "Impacted by the disaster" means the location or in reasonable proximity to the
2 location where a natural or man-made disaster has caused physical injury, serious
3 physical injury, death, or substantial damage to property or infrastructure;
- 4 (9) "Laser" means any device designed or used to amplify electromagnetic radiation by
5 stimulated emission that emits a beam, other than a medical laser when used in
6 medical treatment or surgery;
- 7 (10) "Law" includes statutes, ordinances, and properly adopted regulatory provisions.
8 Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, "law" also includes the common law;
- 9 (11) "Minor" means any person who has not reached the age of majority as defined in
10 KRS 2.015;
- 11 (12) "Misdemeanor" means an offense, other than a traffic infraction, for which a
12 sentence to a term of imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months can be
13 imposed;
- 14 (13) "Natural or man-made disaster" means a tornado, storm, or other severe weather,
15 earthquake, flood, or fire that poses a significant threat to human health and safety,
16 property, or critical infrastructure;
- 17 (14) "Offense" means conduct for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment or to a
18 fine is provided by any law of this state or by any law, local law, or ordinance of a
19 political subdivision of this state or by any law, order, rule, or regulation of any
20 governmental instrumentality authorized by law to adopt the same;
- 21 (15) "Person" means a human being, and where appropriate, a public or private
22 corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a government, or a
23 governmental authority;
- 24 (16) "Physical injury" means substantial physical pain or any impairment of physical
25 condition;
- 26 (17) "Possession" means to have actual physical possession or otherwise to exercise
27 actual dominion or control over a tangible object;

- 1 (18) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of
2 death, or which causes serious and prolonged disfigurement, prolonged impairment
3 of health, prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or eye
4 damage or visual impairment. For a child twelve (12) years of age or less at the
5 time of the injury, or for any person if the relationship between the perpetrator
6 and the victim meets the definition of a family member or member of an
7 unmarried couple, as defined in KRS 403.720, or a dating relationship, as defined
8 in KRS 456.010, a serious physical injury includes but is not limited to the
9 following:
- 10 (a) Bruising near the eyes, or on the head, neck, or lower back overlying the
11 kidneys;
 - 12 (b) Any bruising severe enough to cause underlying muscle damage as
13 determined by elevated creatine kinase levels in the blood;
 - 14 (c) Any bruising or soft tissue injury to the genitals that affects the ability to
15 urinate or defecate;
 - 16 (d) Any testicular injury sufficient to put fertility at risk;
 - 17 (e) Any burn near the eyes or involving the mouth, airway, or esophagus;
 - 18 (f) Any burn deep enough to leave scarring or dysfunction of the body;
 - 19 (g) Any burn requiring hospitalization, debridement in the operating room, IV
20 fluids, intubation, or admission to a hospital's intensive care unit;
 - 21 (h) Rib fracture;
 - 22 (i) Scapula or sternum fractures;
 - 23 (j) Any broken bone that requires surgery;
 - 24 (k) Head injuries that result in intracranial bleeding, skull fracture, or brain
25 injury;
 - 26 (l) A concussion that results in the child becoming limp, unresponsive, or results
27 in seizure activity;

- 1 (m) Abdominal injuries that indicate internal organ damage regardless of whether
2 surgery is required;
- 3 (n) Any injury requiring surgery;
- 4 (o) Any injury that requires a blood transfusion; and
- 5 (p) Any injury requiring admission to a hospital's critical care unit;
- 6 (19) "Unlawful" means contrary to law or, where the context so requires, not permitted
7 by law. It does not mean wrongful or immoral;
- 8 (20) "Violation" means an offense, other than a traffic infraction, for which a sentence to
9 a fine only can be imposed; and
- 10 (21) "Weapon of mass destruction" means:
- 11 (a) Any destructive device as defined in KRS 237.030, but not fireworks as
12 defined in KRS 227.700;
- 13 (b) Any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious physical
14 injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous
15 chemicals or their precursors;
- 16 (c) Any weapon involving a disease organism; or
- 17 (d) Any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level
18 dangerous to human life.

19 ➔Section 45. KRS 514.020 is amended to read as follows:

- 20 (1) It is a defense to prosecution for theft that the actor:
- 21 (a) Was unaware that the property or service was that of another; or
- 22 (b) Acted under a claim of right to the property or service involved or a claim that
23 he or she had a right to acquire or dispose of it as he or she did; or
- 24 (c) Took property exposed for sale, intending to purchase and pay for it promptly,
25 or reasonably believing that the owner, if present, would have consented.
- 26 (2) It is no defense that theft was from the actor's spouse, except that misappropriation
27 of household and personal effects or other property normally accessible to both

1 spouses is theft only if it involves the property of the other spouse and only if it
 2 occurs after the parties have ceased living together.

- 3 (3) It shall be prima facie evidence of intent to commit theft by deception when one
 4 who has leased or rented the personal property of another fails to return the personal
 5 property to its owner within four (4)~~ten (10)~~ days after the lease or rental
 6 agreement has expired. It shall also be prima facie evidence of intent to commit
 7 theft by deception when one presents to the owner identification which is false,
 8 fictitious or not current as to name, address, place of employment or other items of
 9 identification for the purpose of obtaining the lease or rental agreement. Nothing
 10 herein contained shall relieve the owner from making demand for return of property
 11 so leased or rented. Notice addressed and mailed to the lessee or renter at the
 12 address given at the time of the making of the lease or rental agreement shall
 13 constitute proper demand.

14 ➔Section 46. KRS 196.031 is amended to read as follows:

- 15 (1) The cabinet shall employ the personnel and operate and maintain data collection
 16 and processing systems necessary to comply with the provisions of this section.
- 17 (2) The cabinet shall annually on July 1 of each year report to the Governor, the
 18 Legislative Research Commission, and the Kentucky State Corrections Commission
 19 on:
- 20 (a) The placement of prisoners within the Commonwealth's correctional system
 21 by institution, whether imprisoned in a state prison or other institution,
 22 including county jails, on probation, paroled, housed in halfway houses,
 23 housed in reentry centers, sentenced to community service or otherwise;
- 24 (b) Numbers of prisoners by type of offense;
- 25 (c) Numbers of prisoners by number and type of prior convictions;
- 26 (d) Numbers of prisoners paroled by type of offense and by length of time served;
- 27 (e) Numbers of prisoners released through shock probation by type of offense and

- 1 by length of time served;
- 2 (f) Numbers of prisoners serving their full sentence by type of offense;
- 3 (g) The percentage of felony offenders on parole or some form of post-release
4 supervision who are participating or completing treatment consistent with
5 assessment results, in prison and in the community;
- 6 (h) The percentage of felony offenders whose reassessment results demonstrate
7 reductions in criminal risk factors;
- 8 (i) The percentage of programs that demonstrate their effectiveness in reducing
9 recidivism;
- 10 (j) The percentage of felony offenders on parole or some form of post-release
11 supervision, by supervision type, who:
- 12 1. Are employed or in school within thirty (30) days, six (6) months, and
13 one (1) year of the start of supervision;
- 14 2. Have had part-time employment for a minimum of six (6) months, and
15 the percentage of offenders who have had full-time employment for a
16 minimum of six (6) months;
- 17 3. Have housing upon release from incarceration;
- 18 4. Had stable housing for at least six (6) months; and
- 19 5. Are arrested, convicted, or incarcerated within six (6) months, one (1)
20 year, and three (3) years;
- 21 (k) The percentage of admissions to prison by offenders under supervision at the
22 time of admission, including information regarding whether the violations
23 were criminal or technical;
- 24 **(l) The percentage of offenders participating in each reentry program operated**
25 **by, or operated under contract with, the department who commit a new**
26 **criminal offense within two years of their release from custody;** and
- 27 **(m)** Any other data that provides information on state-funded crime

1 reduction and recidivism reduction efforts, including caseload sizes by risk
 2 level, participation in treatment and intervention programming, public safety
 3 outcomes, and cost effectiveness.

4 (3) The cabinet shall annually report to the Governor and to the Legislative Research
 5 Commission on:

- 6 (a) Numbers and types of prison beds necessary to meet current population needs
 7 and six (6) year projections of those needs;
- 8 (b) Current personnel needs of the cabinet and five (5) year projections of the
 9 needs; and
- 10 (c) A six (6) year projection of needed capital construction, program
 11 development, and anticipated requests for appropriations.

12 ➔Section 47. KRS 520.095 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) A person is guilty of fleeing or evading police in the first degree:

14 (a) When, while operating a motor vehicle with intent to elude or flee, the person
 15 knowingly or wantonly disobeys a direction to stop his or her motor vehicle,
 16 given by a person recognized to be a police officer, and at least one (1) of the
 17 following conditions exists:

- 18 1. The person is fleeing immediately after committing an act of domestic
 19 violence as defined in KRS 403.720;
- 20 2. The person is driving under the influence of alcohol or any other
 21 substance or combination of substances in violation of KRS 189A.010;
- 22 3. The person is driving while his or her driver's license is suspended for
 23 violating KRS 189A.010; or
- 24 4. By fleeing or eluding, the person is the cause, or creates substantial risk,
 25 of serious physical injury or death to any person or property; or

26 (b) When, as a pedestrian, and with intent to elude or flee, the person knowingly
 27 or wantonly disobeys an order to stop, given by a person recognized to be a

1 peace officer, and at least one (1) of the following conditions exists:

- 2 1. The person is fleeing immediately after committing an act of domestic
3 violence as defined in KRS 403.720; or
- 4 2. By fleeing or eluding, the person is the cause of, or creates a substantial
5 risk of, serious physical injury or death to any person or property.

6 (2) Fleeing or evading police in the first degree is a Class C~~[Class D]~~ felony **and the**
7 **defendant shall not be released on probation, shock probation, conditional**
8 **discharge, or parole until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of the**
9 **sentence imposed.**

10 ➔Section 48. KRS 520.100 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) A person is guilty of fleeing or evading police in the second degree when:

- 12 (a) As a pedestrian, and with intent to elude or flee, the person knowingly or
13 wantonly disobeys a direction to stop, given by a person recognized to be a
14 peace officer who has an articulable reasonable suspicion that a crime has
15 been committed by the person fleeing, and in fleeing or eluding the person is
16 the cause of, or creates a substantial risk of, physical injury to any person; or
- 17 (b) While operating a motor vehicle with intent to elude or flee, the person
18 knowingly or wantonly disobeys a recognized direction to stop his or her
19 vehicle, given by a person recognized to be a peace officer.

20 (2) No offense is committed under this section when the conduct involved constitutes a
21 failure to comply with a directive of a traffic control officer.

22 (3) Fleeing or evading police in the second degree is a Class D felony~~[Class A~~
23 ~~misdemeanor]~~ **and the defendant shall not be released on probation, shock**
24 **probation, conditional discharge, or parole until he or she has served at least fifty**
25 **percent (50%) of the sentence imposed.**

26 ➔Section 49. The following KRS sections are repealed:

27 512.040 Criminal mischief in the third degree.

- 1 158.154 Principal's duty to report certain acts to local law enforcement agency.
- 2 →Section 50. Sections 12 and 13 of this Act take effect August 1, 2025.

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