

CHAPTER 107

(HB 305)

AN ACT relating to grand jury service.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 29A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) *Except as allowed under the Kentucky Rules of Criminal Procedure, a person present during any part of a grand jury proceeding shall not knowingly:*

(a) *Record any testimony or evidence presented during the proceeding; or*

(b) *Disclose or disseminate at any time, any evidence, testimony, or other information that the person witnessed, read, or heard while present at a grand jury proceeding.*

(2) *This section shall not apply to a:*

(a) *Commonwealth's attorney or any person employed by a Commonwealth's attorney; or*

(b) *Peace officer;*

while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties.

➔Section 2. KRS 29A.990 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Any employer who violates ~~subsection (1) or (2) of~~ KRS 29A.160(1) *or* (2) is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) Any willful violation of KRS 29A.010 to 29A.330 for which a penalty is not otherwise provided by statute shall be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) *Any person who violates:*

(a) *Subsection (1)(a) of Section 1 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor; or*

(b) *Subsection (1)(b) of Section 1 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class D felony;*

unless the person is a public servant as defined in KRS 519.010, in which case the person shall be penalized one (1) class more severely than provided under this subsection.

➔Section 3. This Act may be cited as the Crystal Rogers Act.

Signed by Governor April 13, 2026.