

**15A.068 Duties of department if child may be victim of human trafficking --
Administrative regulations.**

- (1) If, during the course of screening, assessing, or providing services to a child committed to or in the custody of the department, there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is a victim of human trafficking as defined in KRS 529.010, the department shall:
 - (a) File a report with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services pursuant to KRS 620.030;
 - (b) Notify the child's attorney that the child may be a victim of human trafficking; and
 - (c) If the child does not pose a threat to public safety, petition the court to transfer custody from the department to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- (2) After consultation with agencies serving victims of human trafficking, the department shall promulgate administrative regulations for the treatment of child victims of human trafficking who are committed to or in the custody of the department and pose a threat to public safety but do not qualify to be in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services under subsection (1)(c) of this section. The administrative regulations shall include provisions for appropriate screening, assessment, placement, treatment, and services for these children, the training of staff, and collaboration with service providers.

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