

**15.812 Action when application received by cabinet -- Exceptions -- Definition.  
(Effective July 1, 2025)**

- (1) Whenever the cabinet receives an application for public assistance on behalf of a needy dependent child or reviews the records of those currently receiving public assistance on behalf of a needy dependent child and it appears to the satisfaction of the cabinet that either or both parents have failed to provide support to the child, the Office of the Attorney General shall take appropriate action under this chapter, or any other appropriate state and federal laws and regulations, to assure that the responsible parent or parents provide support to the child.
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply if the:
  - (a) Cabinet has reason to believe allegations of child abuse or domestic violence and that enforcement of subsection (1) of this section could be harmful to the custodial parent or needy dependent child;
  - (b) Cabinet believes that enforcement of subsection (1) of this section may not be in the best interest of the needy dependent child; or
  - (c) Custodial parent is the needy dependent child's mother, and she did not identify a father on the child's birth certificate at the time of birth.
- (3) As used in KRS 15.814, 15.818, 15.828, and 15.858, the term "child" includes a child of an individual who is not receiving public assistance and who is eligible to receive child support services in accordance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

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