

630.010 Purposes of chapter regarding status offenders. (Effective July 15, 2026)

In addition to those purposes set forth in KRS 600.010, this chapter shall be interpreted and construed to effectuate the following purposes regarding status offenders:

- (1) The Commonwealth's courts shall utilize a separate and distinct set of guidelines for status offenders which reflect their individual needs;
- (2) It shall be declared to be the policy of this Commonwealth that all its efforts and resources be directed at involving the child and the family in remedying the problem for which they have been referred;
- (3) A status offender accused of or adjudicated for the violation of a valid court order may be securely detained in accordance with KRS 630.095 for up to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays, pending receipt of the written report required under KRS 630.080(4). Any period of secure detention prior to the detention hearing shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays;
- (4) Status offenders accused of violating a valid court order shall not be securely detained in intermittent holding facilities; and
- (5) Status offenders accused of or found guilty of violating a valid court order shall not be converted into public offenders by virtue of this conduct.

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Legislative Research Commission Note. Acts 1986, ch. 423, § 199 read: "KRS 446.250 to 446.320 to the contrary notwithstanding, Acts 1986, ch. 423 shall prevail in the event of a conflict between Acts 1986, ch. 423 and other Acts passed by the 1986 regular session of the General Assembly."