

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments and making an appropriation therefor.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 17 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

6 *(a) "Child abuse offender registry" or "CAOR" means the registry for child*
7 *abuse established in subsection (2) of this section;*

8 *(b) "Child abuse offense" means:*

9 *1. A crime under KRS Chapter 507, 507A, 508, 509, or 530, excluding*
10 *KRS 530.050; or*

11 *2. KRS 510.140, 510.148, 510.150, or 529.110;*

12 *when the victim was a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years old;*

13 *(c) "Department" means the Department of Kentucky State Police.*

14 *(d) "Offender" means any person eighteen (18) years of age or older at the*
15 *time of the offense or any youthful offender, as defined in KRS 600.020,*
16 *who has been:*

17 *1. Convicted of, pled guilty to, or entered an Alford plea to a child abuse*
18 *offense; or*

19 *2. Placed on pretrial diversion pursuant to KRS 533.250 for a child*
20 *abuse offense, until the diversionary period is successfully completed;*
21 *and*

22 *(e) "Offender information" means the offender's name, age, county of*
23 *residence, a brief description of the crime or crimes committed, current*
24 *photograph, and other identifying information determined necessary by the*
25 *department.*

26 *(2) As funding becomes available, the department shall establish and operate a child*
27 *abuse offender registry for offenders.*

- 1 **(3) The department shall establish a CAOR Web site available to the public. The Web**
 2 **site shall display offender information and shall be updated at least once every**
 3 **thirty (30) days.**
- 4 **(4) Upon receiving notice from the court of conviction that an offender is required to**
 5 **register with CAOR, the department shall post the offender information provided**
 6 **by the court on the CAOR Web site.**
- 7 **(5) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish and**
 8 **operate the CAOR, including but not limited to policies and procedures:**
- 9 **(a) For compiling, publishing, and maintaining offender information;**
 10 **(b) For how long an individual shall remain on the CAOR;**
 11 **(c) For how an individual may be removed from the CAOR; and**
 12 **(d) To ensure compliance with all other state and federal laws.**
- 13 **(6) Any department employee who disseminates, or does not disseminate, offender**
 14 **information in good faith compliance with the requirements of this section shall**
 15 **be immune from criminal and civil liability for the dissemination or lack thereof.**
- 16 ➔Section 2. KRS 431.073 is amended to read as follows:
- 17 (1) Any person who has been convicted of a Class D felony violation of KRS 17.175,
 18 186.990, 194A.505, 194B.505, 217.181, 217.207, 217.208, 218A.140, 218A.1415,
 19 218A.1416, 218A.1417, 218A.1418, 218A.1423, 218A.1439, 218A.282, 218A.284,
 20 218A.286, 218A.320, 218A.322, 218A.324, 244.165, 286.11-057, 304.47-025,
 21 324.990, 365.241, 434.155, 434.675, 434.850, 434.872, 511.040, 512.020, 514.030,
 22 514.040, 514.050, 514.060, 514.065, 514.070, 514.080, 514.090, 514.100, 514.110,
 23 514.120, 514.140, 514.150, 514.160, 516.030, 516.060, 516.090, 516.108, 517.120,
 24 518.040, 522.040, 524.100, 525.113, 526.020, 526.030, 528.020, 528.040, 528.050,
 25 530.010, or 530.050, or a series of Class D felony violations of one (1) or more
 26 statutes enumerated in this section arising from a single incident, or who has been
 27 granted a full pardon, may file with the court in which he or she was convicted an

1 application to have the judgment vacated. The application shall be filed as a motion
2 in the original criminal case. The person shall be informed of the right at the time of
3 adjudication.

4 (2) A verified application to have the judgment vacated under this section shall be filed
5 no sooner than five (5) years after the completion of the person's sentence, or five
6 (5) years after the successful completion of the person's probation or parole,
7 whichever occurs later. Upon the payment of the filing fee and the filing of the
8 application, the Circuit Court clerk shall serve a notice of filing upon the office of
9 the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney that prosecuted the case and the
10 county attorney of the county where the judgment was entered. The office of the
11 Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney that prosecuted the case shall file a
12 response within sixty (60) days after being served with the notice of filing. That
13 time period may be extended for good cause, but the hearing on the application to
14 vacate the judgment shall occur no later than one hundred twenty (120) days
15 following the filing of the application. The inability to determine the location of the
16 crime victim shall constitute good cause for an extension of time. No hearing upon
17 the merits of the application shall be scheduled until the Commonwealth's response
18 has been filed, or if no response is received, no later than one hundred twenty (120)
19 days after the filing of the application.

20 (3) Upon the filing of the Commonwealth's response to an application, or if no response
21 is received, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the filing of the
22 application, the court shall set a date for a hearing and the Circuit Court clerk shall
23 notify the office of the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney that prosecuted
24 the case. The office of the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney that
25 prosecuted the case shall notify the victim of the crime, if there was an identified
26 victim. The Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney shall be authorized to
27 obtain without payment of any fee information from the Transportation Cabinet

1 regarding the crime victim's address on file regarding any vehicle operator's license
2 issued to that person.

3 (4) The court may order the judgment vacated, and if the judgment is vacated the court
4 shall dismiss with prejudice any charges which are eligible for expungement under
5 subsection (1) of this section or KRS 431.076 or 431.078, and order expunged all
6 records in the custody of the court and any records in the custody of any other
7 agency or official, including law enforcement records, if the court finds that:

8 (a) The person had not previously had a felony conviction vacated and the record
9 expunged pursuant to this section;

10 (b) The person had not in the five (5) years prior to the filing of the application to
11 have the judgment vacated been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor; and

12 (c) No proceeding concerning a felony or misdemeanor is pending or being
13 instituted against the person.

14 (5) If the court has received a response from the office of the Commonwealth's attorney
15 or county attorney that prosecuted the case stating no objection to the application to
16 have the judgment vacated, or if one hundred twenty (120) days have elapsed since
17 the filing of the application and no response has been received, the court may,
18 without a hearing, vacate the judgment in the manner established in subsection (4)
19 of this section.

20 (6) Upon entry of an order vacating and expunging a conviction, the original conviction
21 shall be vacated and the record shall be expunged. The court and other agencies
22 shall cause records to be deleted or removed from their computer systems so that
23 the matter shall not appear on official state-performed background checks. The
24 court and other agencies shall reply to any inquiry that no record exists on the
25 matter. The person whose record is expunged shall not have to disclose the fact of
26 the record or any matter relating thereto on an application for employment, credit, or
27 other type of application. If the person is not prohibited from voting for any other

1 reason, the person's ability to vote shall be restored and the person may register to
2 vote.

3 (7) An order vacating a conviction under this section shall not extend or revive an
4 expired statute of limitations, shall not constitute a finding of legal error regarding
5 the proceedings leading to or resulting in the conviction, shall not nullify any
6 findings of fact or conclusions of law made by the trial court or any appellate court
7 regarding the conviction, and shall not constitute a finding of innocence regarding
8 the conviction.

9 (8) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish a form application to be
10 used in filing an application to have judgment vacated and records expunged.

11 (9) The filing fee for an application to have judgment vacated and records expunged
12 shall be five hundred dollars (\$500). The first fifty dollars (\$50) of each fee
13 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into a trust and agency
14 account for deputy clerks and shall not be refundable. Two hundred and fifty
15 dollars (\$250) of each fee collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
16 appropriated to the Department of Kentucky State Police to process
17 expungements and to establish and maintain the child abuse offender registry
18 and the sex offender registry.

19 (10) This section shall be retroactive.

20 ➔Section 3. KRS 431.078 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) Any person who has been convicted of:

22 (a) A misdemeanor, a violation, or a traffic infraction not otherwise classified as a
23 misdemeanor or violation, or a series of misdemeanors, violations, or traffic
24 infractions arising from a single incident; or

25 (b) A series of misdemeanors, violations, or traffic infractions not arising from a
26 single incident;

27 may petition the court in which he was convicted for expungement of his

1 misdemeanor or violation record within that judicial district, including a record of
2 any charges for misdemeanors, violations, or traffic infractions that were dismissed
3 or amended in the criminal action. The person shall be informed of the right at the
4 time of adjudication.

5 (2) Except as provided in KRS 218A.275(8) and 218A.276(8), the petition shall be
6 filed no sooner than five (5) years after the completion of the person's sentence or
7 five (5) years after the successful completion of the person's probation, whichever
8 occurs later.

9 (3) Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall set a date for a hearing, no sooner than
10 thirty (30) days after the filing of the petition, and shall notify the county attorney;
11 the victim of the crime, if there was an identified victim; and any other person
12 whom the person filing the petition has reason to believe may have relevant
13 information related to the expungement of the record. Inability to locate the victim
14 shall not delay the proceedings in the case or preclude the holding of a hearing or
15 the issuance of an order of expungement.

16 (4) For a petition brought under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the court shall order
17 expunged all records in the custody of the court and any records in the custody of
18 any other agency or official, including law enforcement records, if at the hearing the
19 court finds that:

20 (a) The offense was not a sex offense or an offense committed against a child;

21 (b) The person had not in the five (5) years prior to the filing of the petition for
22 expungement been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor;

23 (c) No proceeding concerning a felony or misdemeanor is pending or being
24 instituted against the person; and

25 (d) The offense is not one subject to enhancement for a second or subsequent
26 offense or the time for such an enhancement has expired.

27 (5) For a petition brought under subsection (1)(b) of this section, the court may order

1 expunged all records in the custody of the court and any records in the custody of
2 any other agency or official, including law enforcement records, if at the hearing the
3 court finds that:

4 (a) The offense was not a sex offense or an offense committed against a child;

5 (b) The person had not in the five (5) years prior to the filing of the petition for
6 expungement been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor;

7 (c) No proceeding concerning a felony or misdemeanor is pending or being
8 instituted against the person; and

9 (d) The offense is not one subject to enhancement for a second or subsequent
10 offense or the time for such an enhancement has expired.

11 (6) Upon the entry of an order to expunge the records, the proceedings in the case shall
12 be deemed never to have occurred; the court and other agencies shall cause records
13 to be deleted or removed from their computer systems so that the matter shall not
14 appear on official state-performed background checks; the persons and the court
15 may properly reply that no record exists with respect to the persons upon any
16 inquiry in the matter; and the person whose record is expunged shall not have to
17 disclose the fact of the record or any matter relating thereto on an application for
18 employment, credit, or other type of application.

19 (7) The filing fee for a petition under this section shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
20 The first fifty dollars (\$50) of each fee collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
21 deposited into a trust and agency account for deputy clerks and shall not be
22 refundable. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) of each fee collected pursuant to this
23 subsection shall be appropriated to the Department of Kentucky State Police to
24 process expungements and to establish and maintain the child abuse offender
25 registry and the sex offender registry.

26 (8) Copies of the order shall be sent to each agency or official named therein.

27 (9) Inspection of the records included in the order may thereafter be permitted by the

1 court only upon petition by the person who is the subject of the records and only to
2 those persons named in the petition.

3 (10) This section shall be deemed to be retroactive, and any person who has been
4 convicted of a misdemeanor prior to July 14, 1992, may petition the court in which
5 he was convicted, or if he was convicted prior to the inception of the District Court
6 to the District Court in the county where he now resides, for expungement of the
7 record of one (1) misdemeanor offense or violation or a series of misdemeanor
8 offenses or violations arising from a single incident, provided that the offense was
9 not one specified in subsection (4) and that the offense was not the precursor
10 offense of a felony offense for which he was subsequently convicted. This section
11 shall apply only to offenses against the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

12 (11) As used in this section, "violation" has the same meaning as in KRS 500.080.

13 (12) Any person denied an expungement prior to June 25, 2013, due to the presence of a
14 traffic infraction on his or her record may file a new petition for expungement of the
15 previously petitioned offenses, which the court shall hear and decide under the
16 terms of this section. No court costs or other fees, from the court or any other
17 agency, shall be required of a person filing a new petition under this subsection.

18 ➔Section 4. This Act shall be cited as Kylie Jo's and Sophie's Law.