

1 AN ACT relating to child protective services.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 620 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) If the cabinet's initial determination as to the risk of harm to and immediate*
6 *safety of an abused or neglected child as defined in KRS 600.020 requires an*
7 *investigation, the cabinet shall conduct an unannounced visit to the residence or*
8 *location where the reported abuse or neglect occurred if the reported abuse or*
9 *neglect occurred in a residence or location where the child lives, attends, or visits*
10 *regularly, in addition to any other actions taken to protect the child.*

11 *(2) After an unannounced visit under subsection (1) of this section has been*
12 *completed, ongoing unannounced visits shall be conducted where the reported*
13 *abuse or neglect occurred if the reported abuse or neglect occurred in a residence*
14 *or location where the child continues to live, attend, or visit regularly, along with*
15 *any scheduled visits that the cabinet deems necessary, until the cabinet has*
16 *determined that the welfare of the child has been safeguarded.*

17 *(3) If the cabinet determines that an unannounced visit would hinder the*
18 *investigation, an unannounced visit may be delayed until it may reasonably be*
19 *completed. The valid written reason for the delay in conducting an unannounced*
20 *visit shall be kept in the case record.*

21 ➔Section 2. Section 1 of this Act may be cited as the Tucker Act.