

1 AN ACT relating to child abuse and neglect.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:*

6 *(a) "Abused or neglected child" has the same meaning as in KRS 600.020; and*

7 *(b) "Central registry" means the registry for child abuse and neglect*
8 *established in subsection (2) of this section.*

9 *(2) The cabinet shall, by July 1, 2017, establish and operate the central registry for*
10 *child abuse and neglect. The central registry shall include the name, age, last*
11 *known city of residence, a photograph if available, a description of the*
12 *substantiated finding of abuse or neglect, and any other identifying information*
13 *determined necessary by the cabinet, of each individual:*

14 *(a) Who has been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected a child; and*

15 *(b) 1. Who waived the right to appeal a substantiated finding of child abuse*
16 *or neglect in accordance with Kentucky law or administrative*
17 *regulations; or*

18 *2. Whose substantiated incident was upheld upon appeal.*

19 *(3) The cabinet shall publish the central registry on its Web site and it shall be*
20 *searchable and available to the public.*

21 *(4) The cabinet shall update the central registry every thirty (30) days.*

22 *(5) The cabinet shall ensure that the following statement is displayed on the cabinet*
23 *Web site where the central registry is published: "Based on information*
24 *submitted to the cabinet, an individual whose name appears on the central*
25 *registry has been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected a child.*
26 *However, information on the central registry may not be complete."*

27 *(6) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish and operate*

- 1 *the central registry including but not limited to policies and procedures:*
- 2 *(a) For compiling, publishing, and maintaining the information required in*
- 3 *subsection (2) of this section;*
- 4 *(b) For how long an individual shall remain on the central registry;*
- 5 *(c) For how an individual may be removed from the central registry; and*
- 6 *(d) To ensure compliance with all other state and federal laws.*
- 7 ➔Section 2. This Act shall be cited as Sophie's Law.