

1 AN ACT relating to involuntary termination of parental rights.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 625.060 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) In addition to the child, the following shall be the parties in an action for
5 involuntary termination of parental rights:

6 (a) The petitioner;

7 (b) The cabinet, if not the petitioner; ***and***

8 (c) The biological parents, if known and if their rights have not been previously
9 terminated. It shall not be necessary to make the putative father a party if he is
10 exempted by KRS 625.065~~]; and~~

11 ~~(d) A foster parent of a child who is currently placed with the foster parent, and
12 the child is part of the involuntary termination of parental rights action that is
13 related to an allegation of dependency, neglect, or abuse pursuant to KRS
14 Chapter 620, unless the judge determines this involvement is inappropriate].~~

15 (2) Any party other than the child who is not the petitioner shall be a respondent.

16 ***(3) A foster parent of a child who is currently placed with the foster parent may***
17 ***intervene as a matter of right in any action for the involuntary termination of***
18 ***parental rights involving a child who is placed with the foster parent. Such***
19 ***intervention may be made anonymously or in the true name of the foster parent.***
20 ***If proceeding anonymously, the foster parent shall be identified by initials and***
21 ***shall receive service through his or her counsel or, if not represented by counsel,***
22 ***by providing a preferred mailing address to receive notices from the court and***
23 ***other parties.***