AN ACT relating to public safety.

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

Section 1. KRS 500.080 is amended to read as follows:

As used in the Kentucky Penal Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Actor" means any natural person and, where relevant, a corporation or an unincorporated association;

(2) "Crime" means a misdemeanor or a felony;

(3) "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, including parts of the human body when a serious physical injury is a direct result of the use of that part of the human body, article, or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;

(4) "Deadly weapon" means any of the following:
   (a) A weapon of mass destruction;
   (b) Any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged;
   (c) Any knife other than an ordinary pocket knife or hunting knife;
   (d) Billy, nightstick, or club;
   (e) Blackjack or slapjack;
   (f) Nunchaku karate sticks;
   (g) Shuriken or death star; or
   (h) Artificial knuckles made from metal, plastic, or other similar hard material;

(5) "Emergency services personnel" means any person who is a paid or volunteer emergency medical services personnel certified or licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A or a paid or volunteer member of an organized fire department;

(6) "Felony" means an offense for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment of at least one (1) year in the custody of the Department of Corrections may be
imposed;

(7) "Firework" means any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, including but not limited to bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers;

(8) "Government" means the United States, any state, county, municipality, or other political unit, or any department, agency, or subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any corporation or other association carrying out the functions of government;

(9) "He" means any natural person and, where relevant, a corporation or an unincorporated association;

(10) "Law" includes statutes, ordinances, and properly adopted regulatory provisions. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, "law" also includes the common law;

(11) "Minor" means any person who has not reached the age of majority as defined in KRS 2.015;

(12) "Misdemeanor" means an offense, other than a traffic infraction, for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months can be imposed;

(13) "Offense" means conduct for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment or to a fine is provided by any law of this state or by any law, local law, or ordinance of a political subdivision of this state or by any law, order, rule, or regulation of any governmental instrumentality authorized by law to adopt the same;

(14) "Person" means a human being, and where appropriate, a public or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a government, or a governmental authority;

(15) "Physical injury" means substantial physical pain or any impairment of physical condition;
"Possession" means to have actual physical possession or otherwise to exercise actual dominion or control over a tangible object;

"Public assistance benefits" means cash assistance received via an electronic benefit transfer card or any other form of cash assistance under Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or any other public assistance program administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

"Riot" means a public disturbance involving an assemblage of five (5) or more persons which by tumultuous and violent conduct creates grave danger of damage or injury to property or persons or substantially obstructs law enforcement or other government function;

"Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious and prolonged disfigurement, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ. For a child twelve (12) years of age or less at the time of the injury, a serious physical injury includes but is not limited to the following:

(a) Bruising near the eyes, or on the head, neck, or lower back overlying the kidneys;
(b) Any bruising severe enough to cause underlying muscle damage as determined by elevated creatine kinase levels in the blood;
(c) Any bruising or soft tissue injury to the genitals that affects the ability to urinate or defecate;
(d) Any testicular injury sufficient to put fertility at risk;
(e) Any burn near the eyes or involving the mouth, airway, or esophagus;
(f) Any burn deep enough to leave scarring or dysfunction of the body;
(g) Any burn requiring hospitalization, debridement in the operating room, IV fluids, intubation, or admission to a hospital's intensive care unit;
(h) Rib fracture;

(i) Scapula or sternum fractures;

(j) Any broken bone that requires surgery;

(k) Head injuries that result in intracranial bleeding, skull fracture, or brain injury;

(l) A concussion that results in the child becoming limp, unresponsive, or results in seizure activity;

(m) Abdominal injuries that indicate internal organ damage regardless of whether surgery is required;

(n) Any injury requiring surgery;

(o) Any injury that requires a blood transfusion; and

(p) Any injury requiring admission to a hospital's critical care unit;

"Unlawful" means contrary to law or, where the context so requires, not permitted by law. It does not mean wrongful or immoral;

"Violation" means an offense, other than a traffic infraction, for which a sentence to a fine only can be imposed; and

"Weapon of mass destruction" means:

(a) Any destructive device as defined in KRS 237.030, but not fireworks as defined in KRS 227.700;

(b) Any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious physical injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors;

(c) Any weapon involving a disease organism; or

(d) Any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life.

Section 2. KRS 503.055 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another when using defensive force that is
intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another if:

(a) The person against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcibly entering or had unlawfully and forcibly entered a dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle, or if that person had removed or was attempting to remove another against that person's will from the dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle; and

(b) The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act was occurring or had occurred; or

(b) The person who uses defensive force does so during the course of a riot:

2. The person who uses defensive force would be justified in a use of defensive force under paragraph (a) of this subsection;

3. The person who uses defensive force does so in an attempt to escape the immediate vicinity of the unlawful and forcible entry; and

4. The person against whom the defensive force was used was intentionally blocking or preventing the person from escape.

(2) The presumption set forth in subsection (1) of this section does not apply if:

(a) The person against whom the defensive force is used has the right to be in or is a lawful resident of the dwelling, residence, or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or titleholder, and there is not an injunction for protection from domestic violence or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;

(b) The person sought to be removed is a child or grandchild, or is otherwise in the lawful custody or under the lawful guardianship of the person against whom the defensive force is used;

(c) The person who uses defensive force is engaged in an unlawful activity or is
using the dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle to further an unlawful activity; or

(d) The person against whom the defensive force is used is a peace officer, as defined in KRS 446.010, who enters or attempts to enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle in the performance of his or her official duties, and the officer identified himself or herself in accordance with any applicable law or the person using force knew or reasonably should have known that the person entering or attempting to enter was a peace officer.

(3) A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a felony involving the use of force.

(4) A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter a person's dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 508 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

In any conviction for a violation of Section 4, 5, 6, or 7 of this Act, the court shall order full restitution for any pecuniary loss.

Section 4. KRS 508.010 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of assault in the first degree when:

(a) He intentionally causes serious physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon or a dangerous instrument; or

(b) Under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life he wantonly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to
another and thereby causes serious physical injury to another person.

(2) Assault in the first degree is a Class B felony.

(3) **If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:**

(a) **The minimum term of imprisonment shall be fifteen (15) years,** notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532; and

(b) **A fine of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be assessed,** notwithstanding KRS 534.040.

Section 5. KRS 508.020 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of assault in the second degree when:

(a) He intentionally causes serious physical injury to another person; or

(b) He intentionally causes physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon or a dangerous instrument; or

(c) He wantonly causes serious physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon or a dangerous instrument.

(2) Assault in the second degree is a Class C felony.

(3) **If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:**

(a) **The minimum term of imprisonment shall be seven and one-half (7-1/2) years,** notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532; and

(b) **A fine of seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500) shall be assessed,** notwithstanding KRS 534.040.

Section 6. KRS 508.025 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of assault in the third degree when the actor:

(a) Recklessly, with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or intentionally causes or attempts to cause physical injury to:

1. A state, county, city, or federal peace officer;

2. An employee of a detention facility, or state residential treatment facility or state staff secure facility for residential treatment which provides for
the care, treatment, or detention of a juvenile charged with or
adjudicated delinquent because of a public offense or as a youthful
offender;

3. An employee of the Department for Community Based Services
employed as a social worker to provide direct client services, if the event
occurs while the worker is performing job-related duties;

4. Paid or volunteer emergency medical services personnel certified or
licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A, if the event occurs while
personnel are performing job-related duties;

5. A paid or volunteer member of an organized fire department, if the event
occurs while the member is performing job-related duties;

6. Paid or volunteer rescue squad personnel affiliated with the Division of
Emergency Management of the Department of Military Affairs or a local
disaster and emergency services organization pursuant to KRS Chapter
39F, if the event occurs while personnel are performing job-related
duties;

7. A probation and parole officer;

8. A transportation officer appointed by a county fiscal court or legislative
body of a consolidated local government, urban-county government, or
charter government to transport inmates when the county jail or county
correctional facility is closed while the transportation officer is
performing job-related duties;

9. A public or private elementary or secondary school or school district
classified or certified employee, school bus driver, or other school
employee acting in the course and scope of the employee's employment;
or

10. A public or private elementary or secondary school or school district
volunteer acting in the course and scope of that person's volunteer
service for the school or school district;

(b) Being a person confined in a detention facility, or a juvenile in a state
residential treatment facility or state staff secure facility for residential
treatment which provides for the care, treatment, or detention of a juvenile
charged with or adjudicated delinquent because of a public offense or as a
youthful offender, inflicts physical injury upon or throws or causes feces, or
urine, or other bodily fluid to be thrown upon an employee of the facility; or

(c) Intentionally causes a person, whom the actor knows or reasonably should
know to be a peace officer discharging official duties, to come into contact
with saliva, vomit, mucus, blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces without the
consent of the peace officer; or

(d) Intentionally causes physical injury to a law enforcement officer or
emergency services personnel by means of chemical agents or fireworks.

(2) (a) For violations of subsection (1)(a), (b), and (d) of this section, assault in
the third degree is a Class D felony. If the offense is committed during the
course of a riot:

1. The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532;

2. A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

3. Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

(b) 1. For violations of subsection (1)(c) of this section, assault in the third
degree is a Class B misdemeanor, unless committed during the course
of a riot, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor, subject to the
following conditions:

a. The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;

b. A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and
c. Any person convicted under this subparagraph shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.

2. If the assault is with saliva, vomit, mucus, blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces from an adult who knows that he or she has a serious communicable disease and competent medical or epidemiological evidence demonstrates that the specific type of contact caused by the actor is likely to cause transmission of the disease or condition, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor, unless committed during the course of a riot, in which case it is a Class D felony, subject to the following provisions:

a. The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532;

b. A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and
c. Any person convicted under this subparagraph shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access.
Section 7. KRS 508.030 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of assault in the fourth degree when:

(a) He or she intentionally or wantonly causes physical injury to another person;

(b) With recklessness he or she causes physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon or a dangerous instrument; or

(c) He or she knowingly shines or aims a light, laser, or activated horn or other noise-making device towards the head of a law enforcement officer or emergency services personnel with the intent to affect their ability to safely and adequately perform their duties.

(2) Assault in the fourth degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;

(b) A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.
SECTION 8. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 511 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A person is guilty of unlawful camping on property owned by the Commonwealth when he or she knowingly camps on an area which is not specifically designated for use as a camping area by the department or agency responsible for the land. A person shall not be guilty of a violation of this section unless the person received a warning not to engage in camping from an official responsible for the protection of the property in question and continued to engage in camping or returned within twenty-four (24) hours of the warning to continue to engage in camping.

(2) As used in this section, "camping" means, at any time between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.:
   
   (a) Erecting, placing, maintaining, leaving, allowing to remain, or using a piece of furniture, tent, raised tarp, or other temporary shelter, structure, or furniture;
   
   (b) Sleeping or making preparation to sleep, including laying down a sleeping bag, blanket, or other material used for bedding;
   
   (c) Placing or storing personal belongings for future use, including storing food for consumption;
   
   (d) Carrying on cooking activities, whether by fire or use of artificial means, such as a propane stove or other heat-producing portable cooking equipment;
   
   (e) Making a fire or preparing to make a fire; or
   
   (f) Doing any digging or earth breaking.

(3) Any items used to commit a violation of this section, including items abandoned at the location of the offense, are subject to confiscation, seizure, and claiming in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.
(4) (a) Any property subject to confiscation or seizure under subsection (3) of this section, or left unattended after arrest or issuance of a citation for camping in violation of subsection (1) of this section, and taken into custody shall be held in a secure location for a period of ninety (90) days.

(b) Notice containing the contact information of the state agency or agent holding the property shall be posted at the nearest reasonable location to the place from which the property was removed.

(c) If the property is not claimed within ninety (90) days of being taken into custody, the property is deemed abandoned and the agency or agent may dispose of the property, unless the property is needed as evidence in a criminal proceeding.

(d) If a person claiming any such property within ninety (90) days of the property being taken into custody produces identification and signs a release form providing such person's name and contact information and swearing under oath that the property belongs to the person, the state agency or agent shall return the property to the person, unless the property is needed for evidence in a criminal proceeding, in which case it shall be returned following the conclusion of that proceeding.

(e) The state agency or agent may charge such persons a reasonable storage fee for storing the property. The state and state employees, agents, and contractors are immune from liability for confiscation of property in compliance with this subsection.

(5) (a) Unlawful camping on property owned by the Commonwealth is a Class A misdemeanor. If the offense is committed during a riot:

1. The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge.
or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;

2. A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

3. Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.

(b) Upon a second or subsequent offense, unlawful camping is a Class D felony. If the offense is committed during a riot:

1. The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

2. A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

3. Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

(c) In any conviction for a violation of this section, the court shall order full restitution for any pecuniary loss.

SECTION 9. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 512 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

In any conviction for a violation of Sections 10, 11, and 12 of this Act, the court shall order full restitution for any pecuniary loss.

Section 10. KRS 512.020 is amended to read as follows:
A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the first degree when, having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he or she has such right, he or she intentionally or wantonly:

(a) Defaces, destroys, or damages any property causing pecuniary loss of $1,000 or more; or

(b) Tampers with the operations of a key infrastructure asset, as defined in KRS 511.100, in a manner that renders the operations harmful or dangerous.

Criminal mischief in the first degree is a Class D felony.

If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

(b) A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

Section 11. KRS 512.030 is amended to read as follows:

A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree when, having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he has such right, he intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys or damages any property causing pecuniary loss of $500 or more.

Criminal mischief in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:
(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;  

(b) A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and  

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.

Section 12. KRS 512.040 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the third degree when:

(a) Having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he has such right, he intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys or damages any property; or

(b) He tampers with property so as knowingly to endanger the person or property of another.

(2) Criminal mischief in the third degree is a Class B misdemeanor.

(3) If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be three (3) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of forty five (45) days;  

(b) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and  

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for three (3) months.
Section 13. KRS 520.090 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of resisting arrest when he intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a peace officer, recognized to be acting under color of his official authority, from effecting an arrest of the actor or another by:

(a) Using or threatening to use physical force or violence against the peace officer or another; or

(b) Using any other means creating a substantial risk of causing physical injury to the peace officer or another.

(2) Resisting arrest is a Class A misdemeanor unless committed during the course of a riot, in which case it is a Class D felony, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

(b) A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

Section 14. KRS 525.015 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section, "emergency responder" means state or local law enforcement personnel, fire department personnel, corrections officers, and emergency medical personnel and those contracted for official use by emergency responders.

(2) No person shall intentionally obstruct or disrupt an emergency responder from
performing his or her official duties.

(3) Obstructing an emergency responder is a violation for a first offense, and a Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense unless committed during the course of a riot, in which case it is a Class D felony, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

(b) A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

Section 15. KRS 525.020 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of riot in the first degree when:

(a) 1. He or she knowingly participates in a riot

   2. He or she knowingly provides supplies to a riot that can be used as weapons or dangerous instruments; and

(b) In the course of and as a result of such riot a person other than one (1) of the participants suffers physical injury or substantial property damage occurs.

(2) Riot in the first degree is a Class D felony subject to the following provisions:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other
form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

(b) A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

Section 16. KRS 525.030 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of riot in the second degree when:

(a) He or she knowingly participates in a riot; or

(b) He or she knowingly provides supplies to a riot that can be used as weapons or dangerous instruments.

(2) Riot in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor subject to the following provisions:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;

(b) A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.

Section 17. KRS 525.040 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of inciting to riot when he incites or urges five (5) or more persons to create or engage in a riot.
(2) Inciting to riot is a Class A misdemeanor subject to the following provisions:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be six (6) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of three (3) months;

(b) A fine of five hundred dollars ($500) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for six (6) months.

Section 18. KRS 525.060 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of disorderly conduct in the second degree when in a public place and with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or wantonly creating a risk thereof, he:

(a) Engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior;

(b) Makes unreasonable noise;

(c) Refuses to obey an official order to disperse issued to maintain public safety in dangerous proximity to a fire, hazard, or other emergency;

(d) Creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose; or

(e) Accosts, insults, taunts, or challenges a law enforcement officer with offensive or derisive words, or by gestures or other physical contact, that would have a direct tendency to provoke a violent response from the perspective of a reasonable and prudent person.

(2) Disorderly conduct in the second degree is a Class B misdemeanor.

(3) If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be three (3) months.
notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on
probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other
form of early release prior to the expiration of forty five (45) days;

(b) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) shall be assessed, notwithstanding
KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from
receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an
electronic benefits transfer access card for three (3) months.

➡ Section 19. KRS 525.140 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of obstructing a highway or other public passage;

(a) When having no legal privilege to do so he, alone or with other persons,
intentionally or wantonly renders any highway or public passage impassable
without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard; or

(b) Alone or with other persons, intentionally or wantonly prevents law
enforcement officers from accessing an assembly, protest, demonstration, or
other gathering of people on a highway or public passage.

(2) No person shall be convicted under this section solely because of a gathering of
persons to hear him speak or otherwise communicate or solely because of being a
member of such a gathering.

(3) An order to disperse issued by a peace officer or other public servant engaged in
executing or enforcing the law and addressed to a person whose speech or other
lawful behavior attracts an obstructing audience shall not be deemed lawful if the
obstruction can be readily remedied by police control of the size or location of the
gathering.

(4) Obstructing a highway or other public passage is a Class B misdemeanor unless
committed during the course of a riot, in which case it is a Class D felony, subject
to the following provisions:
(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be four (4) years, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the person's initial parole eligibility date consistent with administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 439.340;

(b) A fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card for one (1) year.

Section 20. KRS 525.160 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of failure to disperse if he participates with two (2) or more persons in a course of disorderly conduct likely to cause substantial harm or serious inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, and intentionally refuses to disperse when ordered to do so by a peace officer or other public servant engaged in executing or enforcing the law.

(2) Failure to disperse is a Class B misdemeanor.

(3) If the offense is committed during the course of a riot:

(a) The minimum term of imprisonment shall be three (3) months, notwithstanding KRS Chapter 532, and the person shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or any other form of early release prior to the expiration of forty five (45) days;

(b) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) shall be assessed, notwithstanding KRS 534.040; and

(c) Any person convicted under this subsection shall be disqualified from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an
electronic benefits transfer access card for three (3) months.

SECTION 21. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 205.010 TO 205.350 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) As used in this section, "public assistance benefits" means cash assistance received via an electronic benefit transfer card or any other form of cash assistance under Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or any other public assistance program administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

(2) Any person disqualified under Section 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 of this Act from receiving public assistance benefits by means of a direct cash payment or an electronic benefits transfer access card shall lose one hundred percent (100%) of those benefits unless:

(a) The person can establish that he or she is married, in which case he or she shall lose fifty percent (50%) of those benefits; or

(b) The person can establish that he or she provides primary support to one (1) or more dependent children, in which case he or she shall lose twenty-five percent (25%) of those benefits.

SECTION 22. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 431 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Notwithstanding KRS 431.066 and 431.520, a person who has been charged with a violation of Section 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, or 20 of this Act committed during the course of a riot or Section 15, 16, or 17 of this Act shall not be released until forty-eight (48) hours have passed since the time of arrest and the person appears before a judge.

Section 23. KRS 439.3401 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section, "violent offender" means any person who has been convicted of or pled guilty to the commission of:
(a) A capital offense;
(b) A Class A felony;
(c) A Class B felony involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to a victim;
(d) An offense described in KRS 507.040 or 507.050 where the offense involves the killing of a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel while the peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel was acting in the line of duty;
(e) A Class B felony involving criminal attempt to commit murder under KRS 506.010 if the victim of the offense is a clearly identifiable peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel acting in the line of duty, regardless of whether an injury results;
(f) The commission or attempted commission of a felony sexual offense described in KRS Chapter 510;
(g) Use of a minor in a sexual performance as described in KRS 531.310;
(h) Promoting a sexual performance by a minor as described in KRS 531.320;
(i) Unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree as described in KRS 530.064(1)(a);
(j) Human trafficking under KRS 529.100 involving commercial sexual activity where the victim is a minor;
(k) Criminal abuse in the first degree as described in KRS 508.100;
(l) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by the commission or attempted commission of an assault described in KRS 508.010, 508.020, 508.032, or 508.060;
(m) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by commission or attempted commission of kidnapping as prohibited by KRS 509.040;
(n) Robbery in the first degree;
(o) Assault in the second degree committed during the course of a riot as described in Section 5 of this Act; or

(p) A Class D felony violation of assault in the third degree committed during the course of a riot as described in Section 6 of this Act.

The court shall designate in its judgment if the victim suffered death or serious physical injury.

(2) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense and who has received a life sentence (and has not been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years without parole or imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole), or a Class A felony and receives a life sentence, or to death and his or her sentence is commuted to a life sentence shall not be released on probation or parole until he or she has served at least twenty (20) years in the penitentiary. Violent offenders may have a greater minimum parole eligibility date than other offenders who receive longer sentences, including a sentence of life imprisonment.

(3) (a) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense or Class A felony with a sentence of a term of years or Class B felony shall not be released on probation or parole until he has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.

(b) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040 where the victim of the offense was clearly identifiable as a peace officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel, and the victim was acting in the line of duty shall not be released on probation or parole until he or she has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.

(c) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040 or 507.050 where the victim of the offense was a peace officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel, and the victim was acting in the line of duty shall not be released on probation or parole until he or she has served at
least fifty percent (50%) of the sentence imposed.

(d) Any offender who has been convicted of a homicide or fetal homicide offense under KRS Chapter 507 or 507A in which the victim of the offense died as the result of an overdose of a Schedule I controlled substance and who is not otherwise subject to paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection shall not be released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or other form of early release until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of the sentence imposed.

(e) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of Section 5 of this Act or a Class D felony violation of Section 6 of this Act during the course of a riot shall not be released on probation or parole until he or she has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed.

(4) A violent offender shall not be awarded any credit on his sentence authorized by KRS 197.045(1)(b)1. In no event shall a violent offender be given credit on his or her sentence if the credit reduces the term of imprisonment to less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence.

(5) This section shall not apply to a person who has been determined by a court to have been a victim of domestic violence or abuse pursuant to KRS 533.060 with regard to the offenses involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to the victim. The provisions of this subsection shall not extend to rape in the first degree or sodomy in the first degree by the defendant.

(6) This section shall apply only to those persons who commit offenses after July 15, 1998.

(7) For offenses committed prior to July 15, 1998, the version of this statute in effect immediately prior to that date shall continue to apply.

(8) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section extending the definition of "violent offender" to persons convicted of or pleading guilty to robbery in the first degree
shall apply only to persons whose crime was committed after July 15, 2002.

SECTION 24. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby finds and declares that:

(1) Adequate and substantial investment in law enforcement is essential to protect and promote the quality of life of all citizens in the Commonwealth;

(2) Governmental entities responsible for the funding of the various law enforcement agencies shall maintain and improve their respective financial support to the Commonwealth’s law enforcement agencies; and

(3) The General Assembly expressly reserves the right to enact future legislation that would implement specific procedural requirements to ensure adequate funding and support of law enforcement agencies.

Section 25. KRS 411.100 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section, "local government" means any city, county, charter county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, or unified local government.

(2) If, within any city, any church, convent, chapel, dwelling house, house used or designed for the transaction of lawful business, vessel or shipyard, railroad or property of any kind belonging to any street or other railroad company, or any article of personal property is damaged, or if any property is taken away or damaged by any riotous or tumultuous assemblage of people, the full amount of the damage done may be recovered by the person injured by action against the local government, if the local government authorities themselves, or with the aid of their own citizens, could have prevented the damage.

(3) However, no such liability shall be incurred by the local government unless the local government authorities had notice or good reason to believe that a
riot or tumultuous assemblage was about to take place and were grossly negligent
in time to preventing the destruction, either by their own force or by the
aid of the citizens of the city.

(4) No person may maintain an action under this section if he has unlawfully
contributed by word or deed toward exciting or inflaming the tumult or riot, or if he
failed to do what he reasonably could toward preventing, allaying or suppressing it.

(5) It is the intention of the General Assembly to provide the means to enable a
person injured by the Commonwealth; its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or
agencies; its officers, agents, or employees while acting within the scope of their
employment; its political or civil subdivisions; or the officers, agents, or
employees of its political or civil subdivisions while acting within the scope of
their employment to be able to bring an action under this section. The
Commonwealth thereby waives the sovereign immunity defense only in the
limited situations as set forth in this section.

Section 26. KRS 61.912 is amended to read as follows:

Any duly commissioned special law enforcement officer shall, while performing law
enforcement duties upon the public property he is hired to protect, be empowered to
arrest:

(1) Persons committing, in his presence and upon the public property he is hired to
protect, any misdemeanor, any traffic violation, or any other violation as defined by
KRS 500.080;(17);

(2) Provided there exists probable cause to believe a felony has been committed upon
the premises he is hired to protect, any person whom the officer reasonably and
actually believes to have committed such felony upon the public property.

Section 27. KRS 61.914 is amended to read as follows:

Duly commissioned special law enforcement officers shall have the power to issue tickets
for parking violations committed upon the public property in their presence and the power
of peace officers under KRS 431.015 to issue citations for misdemeanors, and other
violations as defined by KRS 500.080(17), committed in their presence upon the public
property.

Section 28. KRS 61.168 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Body-worn camera" means a video or audio electronic recording device that
is carried by or worn on the body of a public safety officer. This definition
does not include a dashboard mounted camera or recording device used in the
course of clandestine investigations;

(b) "Body-worn camera recording" or "recording" means a video or audio
recording, or both, that is made by a body-worn camera during the course of a
public safety officer's official duties;

(c) "Personal representative" means a court-appointed guardian, attorney, or agent
possessing written authorization to act on behalf of a person that is involved in
an incident contained in a body-worn camera recording, a person holding a
power of attorney for a person that is involved in an incident contained in a
body-worn camera recording, or the parent or guardian of a minor child
depicted in a body-worn camera recording. If a person depicted in the
recording is deceased, the term also means the personal representative of the
estate of the deceased person, the deceased person's surviving spouse, parent,
or adult child, the deceased person's attorney, or the parent or guardian of a
surviving minor child of the deceased;

(d) "Public agency" has the same meaning as in KRS 61.870(1);

(e) "Public safety officer" means any individual that is an employee of a public
agency who is certified as a first responder under KRS Chapter 311A or
whose employment duties include law enforcement or firefighting activities;
“Use of force” means any action by a public safety officer that results in death, physical injury as defined in KRS 500.080(15), discharge of a personal body weapon, chemical agent, impact weapon, extended range impact weapon, sonic weapon, sensory weapon, conducted energy weapon, or a firearm, or involves the intentional pointing of a public safety officer’s firearm at a member of the public.

(2) Except as provided in this section, the disclosure of body-worn camera recordings shall be governed by the Kentucky Open Records Act, as set forth in KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

(3) The retention of body-worn camera video recordings shall be governed by KRS 171.410 to 171.740, and the administrative regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.

(4) Notwithstanding KRS 61.878(4), unless the request meets the criteria provided under subsection (5) of this section, a public agency may elect not to disclose body-worn camera recordings containing video or audio footage that:

(a) Includes the interior of a place of a private residence where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, unless the legal owner or lessee with legal possession of the residence requests in writing that the release be governed solely under the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884;

(b) Includes the areas inside of a medical facility, counseling, or therapeutic program office where a patient is registered to receive treatment, receiving treatment, waiting for treatment, or being transported in the course of treatment;

(c) Would disclose health care information shared with patients, their families, or with a patient's care team or that is considered protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996;

(d) Includes the areas inside of a correctional facility when disclosure would
reveal details of the facility that would jeopardize the safety, security, or well-being of those in custody, the staff of the correctional facility, or law enforcement officers;

(e) Is of a sexual nature or video footage that contains nude images of an individual's genitals, pubic area, anus, or the female nipple;

(f) Is of a minor child, including but not limited to footage involving juvenile custody matters;

(g) Includes the body of a deceased individual;

(h) Would reveal the identity of witnesses, confidential law enforcement informants, or undercover law enforcement officers, or if the release could jeopardize the safety, security, or well-being of a witness or confidential informant;

(i) Would reveal the location information of a domestic violence program or emergency shelter;

(j) Would reveal information related to schools, colleges, and universities that is protected by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act;

(k) Would result in the disclosure of nonpublic or confidential data classified as Criminal Justice Information Services data by the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(l) Includes a public safety officer carrying out duties directly related to the hospitalization of persons considered mentally ill;

(m) Includes the depiction of the serious injury or death of a public safety officer; or

(n) Includes footage made in conjunction with a law enforcement exercise that includes special response team actions, hostage negotiations, or training events, but only where the public release of tactics, operational protocol, or methodology would disadvantage the capability of public safety officers to
successfully respond in emergency or other dangerous situations.

(5) If the recording contains video or audio footage that:

(a) Depicts an encounter between a public safety officer where there is a use of force, the disclosure of the record shall be governed solely by the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, including all of the exceptions contained therein;

(b) Depicts an incident which leads to the detention or arrest of an individual or individuals, the disclosure of the record shall be governed solely by the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, including all of the exceptions contained therein;

(c) Depicts an incident which is the subject of a formal complaint submitted against a public safety officer under KRS 15.520, 67C.326, or 95.450, or depicts an incident which is the subject of a formal legal or administrative complaint against the agency employing the public safety officer, the release of the record shall be governed by the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, including all of the exceptions contained therein; or

(d) Is requested by a person or other entity or the personal representative of a person or entity that is directly involved in the incident contained in the body-worn camera recording, it shall be made available by the public agency to the requesting party for viewing on the premises of the public agency, but the public agency shall not be required to make a copy of the recording except as provided in KRS 61.169. The requesting parties shall not be limited in the number of times they may view the recording under this paragraph.

(6) Nothing in this section or KRS 61.169 shall be interpreted to override any provision related to:

(a) Reports by law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies under KRS 17.150;

(b) The law and rules governing discovery or the submission and display of
evidence in any court proceeding, whether criminal or civil, or any
administrative proceeding; or

(c) The provisions of KRS 189A.100.

Section 29. KRS 525.010 is amended to read as follows:

The following definitions apply in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Desecrate" means defacing, damaging, polluting, or otherwise physically
mistreating in a way that the actor knows will outrage the sensibilities of persons
likely to observe or discover his action.

(2) "Public" means affecting or likely to affect a substantial group of persons.

(3) "Public place" means a place to which the public or a substantial group of persons
has access and includes but is not limited to highways, transportation facilities,
schools, places of amusements, parks, places of business, playgrounds, and
hallways, lobbies, and other portions of apartment houses and hotels not
constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence. An act is deemed to
occur in a public place if it produces its offensive or proscribed consequences in a
public place.

(4) "Transportation facility" means any conveyance, premises, or place used for or in
connection with public passenger transportation by air, railroad, motor vehicle, or
any other method. It includes aircraft, watercraft, railroad cars, buses, and air, boat,
railroad, and bus terminals and stations and all appurtenances thereto.

(5) "Riot" means a public disturbance involving an assemblage of five (5) or more
persons which by tumultuous and violent conduct creates grave danger of damage
or injury to property or persons or substantially obstructs law enforcement or other
government function.

(6) "Service animal" includes a:

(a) "Bomb detection dog," which means a dog that is trained to locate bombs or
explorives by scent;
(b) "Narcotic detection dog," which means a dog that is trained to locate narcotics by scent;

(c) "Patrol dog," which means a dog that is trained to protect a peace officer and to apprehend a person;

(d) "Tracking dog," which means a dog that is trained to track and find a missing person, escaped inmate, or fleeing felon;

(e) "Search and rescue dog," which means a dog that is trained to locate lost or missing persons, victims of natural or man-made disasters, and human bodies;

(f) "Accelerant detection dog," which means a dog that is trained for accelerant detection, commonly referred to as arson canines;

(g) "Cadaver dog," which means a dog that is trained to find human remains;

(h) "Assistance dog," which means any dog that is trained to meet the requirements of KRS 258.500;

(i) Any dog that is trained in more than one (1) of the disciplines specified in paragraphs (a) to (h) of this subsection; or

(j) "Police horse," which means any horse that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement agency for the principal purpose of aiding in detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, and apprehension of offenders.

Section 30. KRS 532.100 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section, "jail" means a "jail" or "regional jail" as defined in KRS 441.005.

(2) When an indeterminate term of imprisonment is imposed, the court shall commit the defendant to the custody of the Department of Corrections for the term of his or her sentence and until released in accordance with the law.

(3) When a definite term of imprisonment is imposed, the court shall commit the defendant to a jail for the term of his or her sentence and until released in
accordance with the law.

(4) When a sentence of death is imposed, the court shall commit the defendant to the custody of the Department of Corrections with directions that the sentence be carried out according to law.

(5) (a) The provisions of KRS 500.080[(5)] notwithstanding, if a Class D felon is sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment of five (5) years or less, he or she shall serve that term in a jail in a county in which the fiscal court has agreed to house state prisoners; except that, when an indeterminate sentence of two (2) years or more is imposed on a Class D felon convicted of a sexual offense enumerated in KRS 197.410(1), or a crime under KRS 17.510(11) or (12), the sentence shall be served in a state institution. Counties choosing not to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be granted a waiver by the commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

(b) The provisions of KRS 500.080[(5)] notwithstanding, a Class D felon who received a sentence of more than five (5) years for nonviolent, nonsexual offenses, but who currently has less than five (5) years remaining to be served, may serve the remainder of his or her term in a jail in a county in which the fiscal court has agreed to house state prisoners.

(c) 1. The provisions of KRS 500.080[(5)] notwithstanding, and except as provided in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph, a Class C or D felon with a sentence of more than five (5) years who is classified by the Department of Corrections as community custody shall serve that term in a jail in a county in which the fiscal court has agreed to house state prisoners if:

a. Beds are available in the jail;

b. State facilities are at capacity; and

c. Halfway house beds are being utilized at the contract level as of

2. When an indeterminate sentence of two (2) years or more is imposed on a felon convicted of a sex crime, as defined in KRS 17.500, or any similar offense in another jurisdiction, the sentence shall be served in a state institution.

3. Counties choosing not to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be granted a waiver by the commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

(d) Any jail that houses state inmates under this subsection shall offer programs as recommended by the Jail Standards Commission. The Department of Corrections shall adopt the recommendations of the Jail Standards Commission and promulgate administrative regulations establishing required programs for a jail that houses state inmates under this subsection. The Department of Corrections shall approve programming offered by jails to state inmates for sentencing credits in accordance with KRS 197.045.

(e) Before housing any female state inmate, a jail shall be certified pursuant to KRS 197.020.

(f) 1. a. If a jail is at or over one hundred fifty percent (150%) capacity, the Department of Corrections may direct the jail to transfer a specified number of state prisoners to vacant beds at other designated jails or state institutions. As used in this paragraph, "capacity" means the capacity listed on the certificate of occupancy issued each year to the jail by the Department of Corrections.

b. The Department of Corrections shall choose which state prisoners are eligible for transfer based on the security level of the vacant bed at the receiving jail or state institution.

c. State prisoners who are approved for transfer to a Department of
Corrections facility for necessary medical treatment and care pursuant to KRS 441.560 shall not be transferred to another jail.

d. State prisoners enrolled in a Department of Corrections approved program pursuant to KRS 197.045 shall not be transferred.

e. State prisoners awaiting trial in the county they are being housed shall not be transferred.

f. Jails that receive state prisoners pursuant to this subparagraph shall be responsible for the transportation of those prisoners to the jail.

2. If the Department of Corrections directs the transfer of a state prisoner pursuant to subparagraph 1. of this paragraph, the jailer has fourteen (14) days to transfer the state prisoner. If the jailer refuses to release custody of the state prisoner to the receiving jail within fourteen (14) days, the department shall reduce the per diem for the jail for an amount equal to the per diem of that prisoner for each day the jailer refuses to comply with the direction.

3. If the Department of Corrections directs the transfer of a state prisoner pursuant to subparagraph 1. of this paragraph, the jailer of the receiving jail shall accept the transfer and transport the state prisoner in accordance with subparagraph 1.f. of this paragraph. If, after receiving a copy of the direction, the jailer refuses to accept and transport the state prisoner, the Department of Corrections shall reduce the per diem for the receiving jail for an amount equal to the per diem of that prisoner for each day the jailer refuses to comply with the direction.

4. If a jail has a vacant bed and has a Class C or Class D felon who, based on the Department of Corrections classification system, is eligible to be housed in that vacant bed, the department may direct the jail to transfer the state prisoner to that bed. If the jailer refuses to transfer the state
prisoner to the vacant bed, the Department of Corrections shall reduce
the per diem for the jail for an amount equal to the per diem of that
prisoner for each day the jailer refuses to comply with the direction.

5. The per diem reduced pursuant to subparagraph 2., 3., or 4. of this
paragraph shall be enforced by withholding the amount from the per
diem paid to the jail pursuant to KRS 431.215(2).

6. If a jail that is at or over one hundred fifty percent (150%) capacity
requests the transfer of a specified number of state prisoners, the
Department of Corrections may, if vacant beds are available at other
jails, direct the transfer in accordance with subparagraph 1. of this
paragraph.

(g) If a jail has vacant beds in an area of the jail usually reserved for state
prisoners, the jail may house county prisoners in that area.

(6) The jailer of a county in which a Class D felon or a Class C felon is incarcerated
may request the commissioner of the Department of Corrections to incarcerate the
felon in a state corrections institution if the jailer has reasons to believe that the
felon is an escape risk, a danger to himself or herself or other inmates, an extreme
security risk, or needs protective custody beyond that which can be provided in a
jail. The commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall evaluate the request
and transfer the inmate if he or she deems it necessary. If the commissioner refuses
to accept the felon inmate, and the Circuit Judge of the county that has jurisdiction
of the offense charged is of the opinion that the felon cannot be safely kept in a jail,
the Circuit Judge, with the consent of the Governor, may order the felon transferred
to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(7) Class D felons and Class C felons serving their time in a jail shall be considered
state prisoners, and, except as provided in subsection (5)(f) of this section, the
Department of Corrections shall pay the jail in which the prisoner is incarcerated a
per diem amount determined according to KRS 431.215(2). For other state
prisoners and parole violator prisoners, the per diem payments shall also begin on
the date prescribed in KRS 431.215(2), except as provided in subsection (5)(f) of
this section.

(8) State prisoners, excluding the Class D felons and Class C felons qualifying to serve
time in jails, shall be transferred to the state institution within forty-five (45) days of
final sentencing.

(9) (a) Class D felons eligible for placement in a jail may be permitted by the warden
or jailer to participate in any approved community work program or other
form of work release with the approval of the commissioner of the
Department of Corrections.

(b) The authority to release an inmate to work under this subsection may be
exercised at any time during the inmate's sentence, including the period when
the court has concurrent authority to permit work release pursuant to KRS
439.265.

(c) The warden or jailer may require an inmate participating in the program to pay
a fee to reimburse the warden or jailer for the cost of operating the community
work program or any other work release program. The fee shall not exceed the
lesser of fifty-five dollars ($55) per week or twenty percent (20%) of the
prisoner's weekly net pay earned from the community work program or work
release participation. In addition, the inmate may be required to pay for any
drug testing performed on the inmate as a requirement of the community work
program or work release participation.

(d) This subsection shall not apply to an inmate who:

1. Is not eligible for work release pursuant to KRS 197.140;
2. Has a maximum or close security classification as defined by
   administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of
Corrections;

3. Is subject to the provisions of KRS 532.043; or

4. Is in a reentry center as defined in KRS 441.005.

Section 31. KRS 525.200 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, without legal justification or lawful authority:

(a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service animal;

(b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or

(c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as in KRS 525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance dogs as in KRS 525.010(5)(6)(h).

(3) Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.

Section 32. This Act may be cited as the Community and First Responder Protection Act.