

1 AN ACT relating to the rights of incarcerated children.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 600 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *A child incarcerated pursuant to the statewide detention program established in KRS*

6 *15A.305 shall have the right to:*

7 *(1) Be kept safe, informed, and free from emotional, psychological, verbal, and*
8 *physical abuse;*

9 *(2) Speak with, see, and touch their family;*

10 *(3) Access appropriate medical, mental health, and behavioral health care;*

11 *(4) An education meeting their individual needs;*

12 *(5) A nutritious and healthy diet;*

13 *(6) Be treated with respect and recognition of their dignity and individuality;*

14 *(7) Be free from unreasonable use of seclusion and restraint;*

15 *(8) Receive notice of and participate in court hearings;*

16 *(9) Access counsel; and*

17 *(10) Not be judged, blamed, or stigmatized by detention.*

18 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as The Incarcerated Children's Bill of Rights.