

1 AN ACT relating to hate crimes.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. KRS 532.031 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED TO READ  
4 AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "gender identity or expression" means having or being*  
6 *perceived as having a gender-related self-identity or expression, whether or not*  
7 *associated with an individual's assigned sex at birth.*

8 *(2) A person is guilty of a hate crime if the person maliciously and intentionally*  
9 *commits an offense under:*

10 *(a) KRS Chapter 507;*

11 *(b) KRS Chapter 508, except for a violation of KRS 508.025, 508.030, 508.032,*  
12 *508.060, 508.070, 508.152, or 508.160;*

13 *(c) KRS Chapter 509;*

14 *(d) KRS 512.020 or 512.030; or*

15 *(e) KRS 513.020, 513.030, or 513.040;*

16 *against an individual based in whole or in substantial part on an actual or*  
17 *perceived characteristic of another individual or group of individuals as set forth*  
18 *in subsection (3) of this section, regardless of the existence of any other*  
19 *motivating factors.*

20 *(3) The actual or perceived characteristics of another individual referenced under*  
21 *subsection (2) of this section include any or all of the following:*

22 *(a) Race or color;*

23 *(b) Religion;*

24 *(c) Sex;*

25 *(d) Sexual orientation;*

26 *(e) Gender identity or expression;*

27 *(f) Physical or mental disability;*

1        (g) Age;

2        (h) Ethnicity;

3        (i) National origin; and

4        (j) Association or affiliation with an individual or group of individuals based  
5                on a characteristic described in paragraphs (a) to (i) of this subsection.

6        (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a person who violates  
7                subsection (2) of this section is guilty of a Class D felony and subject to a fine of  
8                not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment for not more than  
9                three (3) years, or both.

10       (5) If any of the following conditions apply, a person who violates subsection (2) of  
11               this section is guilty of a Class D felony punishable by imprisonment for not more  
12               than five (5) years, or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000),  
13               or both:

14           (a) The violation results in bodily injury;

15           (b) A victim of the violation is less than eighteen (18) years of age, and the  
16               offender is at least nineteen (19) years of age;

17           (c) The person commits the violation in concert with one (1) or more  
18               individuals;

19           (d) The person is in possession of a firearm during the commission of the  
20               violation; or

21           (e) The person has one (1) or more prior convictions for violating subsection  
22               (2) of this section.

23        (6) (a) In lieu of or in addition to the penalties described in subsection (4) of this  
24               section, the court may, if the victim consents, impose an alternative sentence  
25               or reduce any penalty imposed under subsection (4) of this section by not  
26               more than twenty percent (20%), or both.

27        (b) In determining the suitability of an alternative sentence or reduced penalty,

1 *the court shall consider the following:*

2 *1. The criminal history of the defendant;*

3 *2. The impact of the offense on the victim and the community;*

4 *3. The availability of the alternative sentence; and*

5 *4. The nature of the violation.*

6 *(c) An alternative sentence may, if the entity chosen for community service is*  
7 *amenable, include an order requiring the defendant to complete a period of*  
8 *community service intended to enhance the defendant's understanding of*  
9 *the impact of the offense upon the victim and the community.*

10 ➔Section 2. KRS 15.334 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall approve mandatory training subjects  
12 to be taught to all students attending a law enforcement basic training course that  
13 include but are not limited to:

14 (a) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and other crimes against the  
15 elderly, including the use of multidisciplinary teams in the investigation and  
16 prosecution of crimes against the elderly;

17 (b) The dynamics of domestic violence, pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined  
18 in KRS 620.020, child physical and sexual abuse, and rape; child  
19 development; the effects of abuse and crime on adult and child victims,  
20 including the impact of abuse and violence on child development; legal  
21 remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues; profiles of offenders and  
22 offender treatment; model protocols for addressing domestic violence, rape,  
23 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, and child abuse;  
24 available community resources and victim services; and reporting  
25 requirements. This training shall be developed in consultation with legal,  
26 victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with  
27 expertise in domestic violence, child abuse, and rape. Training in recognizing

- 1           pediatric abusive head trauma may be designed in collaboration with  
2           organizations and agencies that specialize in the prevention and recognition of  
3           pediatric abusive head trauma approved by the secretary of the Cabinet for  
4           Health and Family Services;
- 5           (c) Human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency  
6           virus syndrome;
- 7           (d) Identification and investigation of, responding to, and reporting ***hate crimes***  
8           ***and***~~[bias-related crime,]~~ victimization~~[,]~~ or intimidation that is a result of or  
9           reasonably related to race, color, ***ethnicity***, religion, sex, ***sexual orientation***,  
10           ***gender identity or expression as defined in Section 1 of this Act, physical or***  
11           ***mental disability, age***, or national origin;
- 12           (e) The characteristics and dynamics of human trafficking, state and federal laws  
13           relating to human trafficking, the investigation of cases involving human  
14           trafficking, including but not limited to screening for human trafficking, and  
15           resources for assistance to the victims of human trafficking;
- 16           (f) Beginning January 1, 2017, the council shall require that a law enforcement  
17           basic training course include at least eight (8) hours of training relevant to  
18           sexual assault; and
- 19           (g) Education on female genital mutilation as defined in KRS 508.125, including  
20           the risk factors associated with female genital mutilation, the criminal  
21           penalties for committing female genital mutilation, and the psychological and  
22           health effects on a victim of female genital mutilation.
- 23           (2) ~~{(a)}~~ The council shall develop and approve mandatory in-service training courses  
24           to be presented to all certified peace officers. The council may promulgate  
25           administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A setting forth the  
26           deadlines by which all certified peace officers shall attend the mandatory in-service  
27           training courses.

1 ~~(3) (a)(b)~~ ~~{Beginning January 1, 2017, }~~The council shall establish a forty (40)  
2 hour sexual assault investigation training course~~[-After January 1, 2019],~~ **and**  
3 agencies shall maintain officers on staff who have completed the forty (40)  
4 hour sexual assault investigation training course in accordance with the  
5 following:

- 6 1. Agencies with more than ten (10) but fewer than twenty-one (21) full-  
7 time officers shall maintain one (1) officer who has completed the forty  
8 (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course;
- 9 2. Agencies with twenty-one (21) or more but fewer than fifty-one (51)  
10 full-time officers shall maintain at least two (2) officers who have  
11 completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training  
12 course; and
- 13 3. Agencies with fifty-one (51) or more full-time officers shall maintain at  
14 least four (4) officers who have completed the sexual assault  
15 investigation course.

16 ~~(b)(c)~~ An agency shall not make an officer directly responsible for the  
17 investigation or processing of sexual assault offenses unless that officer has  
18 completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course.

19 ~~(c)(d)~~ The council may, upon application by any agency, grant an exemption  
20 from the training requirements set forth in paragraph ~~(a)(b)~~ of this  
21 subsection if that agency, by limitations arising from its scope of authority,  
22 does not conduct sexual assault investigations.

23 ~~(d)(e)~~ Any agency failing to comply with paragraph ~~(a) or (b) [-or (c)]~~ of this  
24 subsection shall, from the date the noncompliance commences, have one (1)  
25 year to reestablish the minimum number of trained officers required.

26 **(4) (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, the council shall establish a hate crime**  
27 **identification, investigation, response, and reporting training course. After**

1           January 1, 2028, agencies shall require all officers on staff to complete  
 2           training on hate crime identification, investigation, response, and reporting  
 3           once every two (2) years.

4           (b) An agency shall not make an officer responsible for hate crime  
 5           identification, investigation, response, or reporting unless that officer has  
 6           completed the training course.

7           (c) The council may, upon application by any agency, grant an exception from  
 8           the training requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection if  
 9           that agency, by limitations arising from its scope of authority, does not  
 10          conduct hate crime investigations.

11          (d) Any agency failing to comply with paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection  
 12          shall, from the date the noncompliance commences, have one (1) year to  
 13          reestablish the minimum number of trained officers required.

14          ~~(5)~~~~(3)~~ The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall provide training on the subjects of  
 15          domestic violence, hate crimes, and abuse and may do so utilizing currently  
 16          available technology. All certified peace officers shall be required to complete this  
 17          training at least once every two (2) years.

18          ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ The council shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with  
 19          KRS Chapter 13A to establish mandatory basic training and in-service training  
 20          courses.

21          ➔Section 3. KRS 17.1523 is amended to read as follows:

22          (1) The uniform offense report shall contain provisions for obtaining information as to  
 23          whether ~~or not~~ specific crimes appear from their facts and circumstances to be  
 24          caused as a result of or reasonably related to race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex,  
 25          sexual orientation, gender identity or expression as defined in Section 1 of this  
 26          Act, physical or mental disability, age, or national origin.

27          (2) All law enforcement officers, when completing a uniform offense report, shall note

1        on the report~~[thereon]~~ whether ~~[or not]~~ the offense appears to be caused as a result  
 2        of or reasonably related to race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation,  
 3        gender identity or expression as defined in Section 1 of this Act, physical or  
 4        mental disability, age, or national origin or attempts to victimize or intimidate  
 5        another due to any of the foregoing causes.

6        (3) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall, annually, as a part of the crime reports  
 7        report on crimes which appear to have been caused by the factors cited in  
 8        subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

9        ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 411 IS CREATED TO  
 10       READ AS FOLLOWS:

11       Regardless of the existence or outcome of any criminal prosecution, a person who  
 12       suffers bodily injury or property damage as a result of a violation of Section 1 of this  
 13       Act may bring a civil cause of action against the person who commits the offense to  
 14       secure an injunction, actual damages, including damages for emotional distress, or  
 15       other appropriate relief. A plaintiff who prevails in a civil action brought under this  
 16       section may recover:

17       (1) Damages in the amount of three (3) times the actual damages described in  
 18       this section;

19       (2) Punitive damages;

20       (3) Reasonable attorney's fees and costs; and

21       (4) Any other penalty established by law.

22       ➔Section 5. KRS 15.440 is amended to read as follows:

23       (1) Each unit of government that meets the following requirements shall be eligible to  
 24       share in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program  
 25       fund:

26       (a) Employs one (1) or more police officers;

27       (b) Pays every police officer at least the minimum federal wage;

- 1 (c) Requires all police officers to have, at a minimum, a high school degree, or its  
2 equivalent as determined by the council, except that each police officer  
3 employed prior to the date on which the officer's police department was  
4 included as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have  
5 met the requirements of this subsection;
- 6 (d) 1. Requires all police officers to successfully complete a basic training  
7 course of nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours' duration within one (1)  
8 year of the date of employment at a school certified or recognized by the  
9 council, which may provide a different number of hours of instruction as  
10 established in this paragraph, except that each police officer employed  
11 prior to the date on which the officer's police department was included  
12 as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have  
13 met the requirements of this subsection.
- 14 2. As the exclusive method by which the number of hours required for  
15 basic training courses shall be modified from that which is specifically  
16 established by this paragraph, the council may, by the promulgation of  
17 administrative regulations in accordance with the provisions of KRS  
18 Chapter 13A, explicitly set the exact number of hours for basic training  
19 at a number different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours based  
20 upon a training curriculum approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement  
21 Council as determined by a validated job task analysis.
- 22 3. If the council sets an exact number of hours different from nine hundred  
23 twenty-eight (928) in an administrative regulation as provided by this  
24 paragraph, it shall not further change the number of hours required for  
25 basic training without promulgating administrative regulations in  
26 accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.
- 27 4. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to prevent the council,



1           pursuant to its authority under KRS 15.330, from approving training  
2           schools with a curriculum requiring attendance of a number of hours  
3           that exceeds nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of  
4           hours established in an administrative regulation as provided by  
5           subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph. However, the training  
6           programs and schools for the basic training of law enforcement  
7           personnel conducted by the department pursuant to KRS 15A.070 shall  
8           not contain a curriculum that requires attendance of a number of hours  
9           for basic training that is different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928)  
10          hours or the number of hours established in an administrative regulation  
11          promulgated by the council pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter  
12          13A as provided by subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph.

13          5.   KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1) and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph  
14          to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the  
15          promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
16          Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:

17               a.   Years of service credit as a law enforcement officer with previous  
18               service in another state; and

19               b.   Basic training completed in another state.

20          6.   KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1) and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph  
21          to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the  
22          promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
23          Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:

24               a.   Completion of eight hundred forty-eight (848) hours of training at  
25               a school established pursuant to KRS 15A.070;

26               b.   A minimum of fifteen (15) years of experience as a certified law  
27               enforcement instructor at a school established pursuant to KRS

- 1                   15A.070;
- 2                   c.    Completion of an average of forty (40) hours of Kentucky Law
- 3                   Enforcement Council approved in-service training annually from
- 4                   January 1, 1997, through January 1, 2020;
- 5                   d.    Three (3) years of active, full-time service as a:
- 6                   i.    City, county, urban-county, charter county, consolidated
- 7                   local, or unified local government police officer;
- 8                   ii.   Sheriff's deputy, excluding special deputies appointed under
- 9                   KRS 70.045;
- 10                  iii.  Department of Kentucky State Police officer; or
- 11                  iv.  Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources game
- 12                  warden exercising peace officer powers under KRS 150.090;
- 13                  and
- 14                  e.    Completion of the:
- 15                  i.    Twenty-four (24) hour legal update Penal Code course;
- 16                  ii.  Sixteen (16) hour legal update constitutional procedure
- 17                  course; and
- 18                  iii.  Forty (40) hour basic officer skills course within one (1) year
- 19                  prior to applying for certification;
- 20           (e)  Requires all police officers to successfully complete each calendar year an in-
- 21           service training course, appropriate to the officer's rank and responsibility and
- 22           the size and location of the officer's police department, of forty (40) hours'
- 23           duration, at a school certified or recognized by the council which may include
- 24           a four (4) hour course which meets the requirements of paragraph (j) of this
- 25           subsection. This in-service training requirement shall be waived for the period
- 26           of time that a peace officer is serving on active duty in the United States
- 27           Armed Forces. This waiver shall be retroactive for peace officers from the

1 date of September 11, 2001;

2 (f) Complies with all provisions of law applicable to police officers or police  
3 departments, including transmission of data to the centralized criminal history  
4 record information system as required by KRS 17.150 and transmission of  
5 reports as required by KRS 15.391;

6 (g) Complies with all rules and regulations, appropriate to the size and location of  
7 the police department issued by the cabinet to facilitate the administration of  
8 the fund and further the purposes of KRS 15.410 to 15.510;

9 (h) Possesses a written policy and procedures manual related to domestic violence  
10 for law enforcement agencies that has been approved by the cabinet. The  
11 policy shall comply with the provisions of KRS 403.715 to 403.785. The  
12 policy shall include a purpose statement; definitions; supervisory  
13 responsibilities; procedures for twenty-four (24) hour access to protective  
14 orders; procedures for enforcement of court orders or relief when protective  
15 orders are violated; procedures for timely and contemporaneous reporting of  
16 adult abuse and domestic violence to the Cabinet for Health and Family  
17 Services, Department for Community Based Services; victim rights,  
18 assistance, and service responsibilities; and duties related to timely  
19 completion of records;

20 (i) Possesses ~~by January 1, 2023,~~ a written policy and procedures manual  
21 related to sexual assault examinations that meets the standards provided by,  
22 and has been approved by, the cabinet, and which includes:

23 1. A requirement that evidence collected as a result of an examination  
24 performed under KRS 216B.400 be taken into custody within five (5)  
25 days of notice from the collecting facility that the evidence is available  
26 for retrieval;

27 2. A requirement that evidence received from a collecting facility relating

- 1 to an incident which occurred outside the jurisdiction of the police  
 2 department be transmitted to a police department with jurisdiction  
 3 within ten (10) days of its receipt by the police department;
- 4 3. A requirement that all evidence retrieved from a collecting facility under  
 5 this paragraph be transmitted to the Department of Kentucky State  
 6 Police forensic laboratory within thirty (30) days of its receipt by the  
 7 police department;
- 8 4. A requirement that a suspect standard, if available, be transmitted to the  
 9 Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory with the  
 10 evidence received from a collecting facility;
- 11 5. A process for notifying the victim from whom the evidence was  
 12 collected of the progress of the testing, whether the testing resulted in a  
 13 match to other DNA samples, and if the evidence is to be destroyed. The  
 14 policy may include provisions for delaying notice until a suspect is  
 15 apprehended or the office of the Commonwealth's attorney consents to  
 16 the notification, but shall not automatically require the disclosure of the  
 17 identity of any person to whom the evidence matched; and
- 18 6. A requirement that DNA samples collected as a result of an examination  
 19 performed under KRS 216B.400 that are voluntarily submitted solely for  
 20 elimination purposes shall not be checked against any DNA index,  
 21 retained, or included in any DNA index;~~and~~
- 22 (j) Requires all police officers to successfully complete by December 31, 2022,  
 23 and every two (2) years thereafter, a training course certified by the council of  
 24 not less than four (4) hours in emergency vehicle operation; **and**
- 25 **(k) Possesses a written policy and procedures manual related to hate crime**  
 26 **identification, investigation, response, and reporting for law enforcement**  
 27 **agencies that has been approved by the cabinet. The policy shall include a**

1                   *purpose statement; definitions; supervisory responsibilities; procedures for*  
2                   *timely reporting of hate crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation;*  
3                   *victim rights, assistance, and service responsibilities; and duties related to*  
4                   *timely completion of records.*

5       (2) A unit of government which meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to  
6       continue sharing in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation  
7       Program fund only if the police department of the unit of government remains in  
8       compliance with the requirements of this section.

9       (3) Deputies employed by a sheriff's office shall be eligible to participate in the  
10      distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund  
11      regardless of participation by the sheriff.

12      (4) Failure to meet a deadline established in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection  
13      (1)(i) of this section for the retrieval or submission of evidence shall not be a basis  
14      for a dismissal of a criminal action or a bar to the admissibility of the evidence in a  
15      criminal action.

16      ➔Section 6. The following KRS section is repealed:

17      49.320 Victim of hate crime deemed victim of criminally injurious conduct.