

1 AN ACT relating to the dissolution of marriage.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 403.044 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** In divorce actions in which there are minor children who are the issue of the
5 marriage, no testimony~~[other than on temporary motions]~~ shall be taken or heard
6 before sixty (60) days have elapsed from the date of service of summons, the
7 appointment of a warning order attorney, or the filing of an entry of appearance or a
8 responsive pleading by the defendant, whichever occurs first.

9 **(2) The prohibition under subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:**

10 **(a) Temporary motions; or**

11 **(b) Parties who have successfully completed:**

12 **1. The collaborative law process as provided in KRS 403.640 to 403.670**

13 **and have filed with the court a:**

14 **a. Notice of collaborative law process;**

15 **b. Property and custody agreement; and**

16 **c. Proposed decree of dissolution of the marriage that includes**
17 **reference to the completion of the collaborative law process that**
18 **resulted in a property and custody agreement; or**

19 **2. Family mediation and have filed with the court a:**

20 **a. Notice of completion of family mediation;**

21 **b. Property and custody agreement; and**

22 **c. Proposed decree of dissolution of the marriage that includes**
23 **reference to the completion of family mediation that resulted in a**
24 **property and custody agreement.**