

1 AN ACT relating to crime victim notification and making an appropriation therefor.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 27A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish and maintain a crime*
6 *victim notification system.*

7 *(2) The system shall:*

8 *(a) Interface with any case management system operated by a county or*
9 *Commonwealth's attorney and the Department of Corrections to ensure the*
10 *prompt reporting and receiving of case information;*

11 *(b) Establish technical and operational protocols for system interoperability;*

12 *(c) Allow a victim, as defined in KRS 421.500, to register to receive*
13 *notifications regarding court proceedings, case dispositions, offender*
14 *custody status, and parole hearings and decisions related to the case for*
15 *which the victim has registered by providing requisite information*
16 *determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts;*

17 *(d) Allow a victim who elects to register for notifications to select multiple*
18 *methods of notification, including by telephone, email, and mobile*
19 *applications;*

20 *(e) Ensure confidentiality and secure handling of victim information in*
21 *compliance with applicable state and federal privacy requirements;*

22 *(f) Be available in multiple languages; and*

23 *(g) Permit a victim to opt out at any time and to have his or her personal*
24 *information deleted from the system.*

25 *(3) Nothing in this section shall limit the duties of public officers and agencies*
26 *required under KRS 421.500 to 421.575.*

27 *(4) If the crime victim notification system cannot be developed internally, the*

1 *Administrative Office of the Courts may enter into a contract with a third-party*
2 *vendor to comply with the requirements of this section through the established*
3 *competitive bid and procurement process of the Administrative Office of the*
4 *Courts.*

5 ➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of
6 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Court Operations and Administration budget
7 unit under the Judicial Branch from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established
8 by KRS 48.705 for the purpose of implementation of the provisions of Section 1 of this
9 Act. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward.