

1 AN ACT relating to court proceedings on petitions for order of protection.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 403.735 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Prior to or at a hearing on a petition for an order of protection:
- 5 (a) The court may obtain the respondent's Kentucky criminal and protective order  
6 history and utilize that information to assess what relief and which sanctions  
7 may protect against danger to the petitioner or other person for whom  
8 protection is being sought, with the information so obtained being provided to  
9 the parties in accordance with the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure; and
- 10 (b) If the petitioner or respondent is a minor, the court shall inquire whether the  
11 parties attend school in the same school system to assist the court in imposing  
12 conditions in the order that have the least disruption in the administration of  
13 education to the parties while providing appropriate protection to the  
14 petitioner.
- 15 (2) (a) If the adverse party is not present at the hearing ordered pursuant to KRS  
16 403.730 and has not been served, a previously issued emergency protective  
17 order shall remain in place, and the court shall direct the issuance of a new  
18 summons for a hearing set not more than fourteen (14) days in the future. If  
19 service has not been made on the adverse party before that hearing or a  
20 subsequent hearing, the emergency protective order shall remain in place, and  
21 the court shall continue the hearing and issue a new summons with a new date  
22 and time for the hearing to occur, which shall be within fourteen (14) days of  
23 the originally scheduled date for the continued hearing. The court shall repeat  
24 the process of continuing the hearing and reissuing a new summons until the  
25 adverse party is served in advance of the scheduled hearing. If service has not  
26 been made on the respondent at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the  
27 scheduled hearing, the court may continue the hearing no more than fourteen

1 (14) days in the future. In issuing the summons, the court shall simultaneously  
2 transmit a copy of the summons or notice of its issuance and provisions to the  
3 petitioner. Upon the request of the petitioner, the court shall excuse the  
4 petitioner from future court appearances until the respondent has been  
5 served.

6 (b) The provisions of this section permitting the continuance of an emergency  
7 protective order shall be limited to six (6) months from the issuance of the  
8 emergency protective order. If the respondent has not been served within that  
9 period, the order shall be rescinded without prejudice. Prior to the expiration  
10 of the emergency protective order, the court shall provide notice to the  
11 petitioner stating that, if the petitioner does not file a new petition, the order  
12 shall be rescinded without prejudice.

13 ➔Section 2. KRS 456.050 is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) Prior to or at a hearing on a petition for an interpersonal protective order:

15 (a) The court may obtain the respondent's Kentucky criminal and protective order  
16 history and utilize that information to assess what relief and which sanctions  
17 may protect against danger to the petitioner or other person for whom  
18 protection is being sought, with the information so obtained being provided to  
19 the parties in accordance with the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure; and

20 (b) If the petitioner or respondent is a minor, the court shall inquire whether the  
21 parties attend school in the same school system to assist the court in imposing  
22 conditions in the order that have the least disruption in the administration of  
23 education to the parties while providing appropriate protection to the  
24 petitioner.

25 (2) (a) If the adverse party is not present at the hearing ordered pursuant to KRS  
26 456.040 and has not been served, a previously issued temporary interpersonal  
27 protective order shall remain in place, and the court shall direct the issuance

1 of a new summons for a hearing set not more than fourteen (14) days in the  
2 future. If service has not been made on the adverse party before that hearing  
3 or a subsequent hearing, the temporary interpersonal protective order shall  
4 remain in place, and the court shall continue the hearing and issue a new  
5 summons with a new date and time for the hearing to occur, which shall be  
6 within fourteen (14) days of the originally scheduled date for the continued  
7 hearing. The court shall repeat the process of continuing the hearing and  
8 reissuing a new summons until the adverse party is served in advance of the  
9 scheduled hearing. If service has not been made on the respondent at least  
10 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled hearing, the court may continue  
11 the hearing no more than fourteen (14) days in the future. In issuing the  
12 summons, the court shall simultaneously transmit a copy of the summons or  
13 notice of its issuance and provisions to the petitioner. Upon the request of the  
14 petitioner, the court shall excuse the petitioner from future court  
15 appearances until the respondent has been served.

16 (b) The provisions of this section permitting the continuance of an interpersonal  
17 protective order shall be limited to six (6) months from the issuance of the  
18 temporary interpersonal protective order. If the respondent has not been  
19 served within that period, the order shall be rescinded without prejudice. Prior  
20 to the expiration of the temporary interpersonal protective order, the court  
21 shall provide notice to the petitioner stating that, if the petitioner does not file  
22 a new petition, the order shall be rescinded without prejudice.