

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 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 marriage that includes
23 reference to the completion of family mediation that resulted in a
24 property and custody agreement.