

1       AN ACT relating to pretrial release.

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

3           ➔Section 1. KRS 431.066 is amended to read as follows:

4       (1) *As used in*~~For purposes of~~ this section *and Section 2 of this Act:*~~;~~

5           (a) *"Enhanced scrutiny offense"* means a violation of KRS 189A.010(5)(c) or  
6           *(d), 209.990(2), (3), or (4), 218A.1432, 507A.040, 507A.050, 508.020,*  
7           *508.025, 508.030 excluding minor injury or no visible injury, 508.040(2)(a)*  
8           *or (b), 508.050, 508.060, 508.075, 508.078, 508.100, 508.110, 508.120,*  
9           *508.140, 508.150, 509.020, 509.040, 510.120, 510.130, 511.020, 513.030,*  
10           *513.040, 515.020, 515.030, 515.040, 518.090, 525.020, 527.205, 529.100, or*  
11           *529.110;*

12           (b) *"Money bail"* means any financial condition of release, including cash,  
13           *property, a percentage of cash bail, secured, unsecured, or otherwise;*

14           (c) *"Standard conditions"* means the defendant shall:

15           1. *Not commit a local, state, or federal offense;*  
16           2. *Appear for all required court appearances; and*  
17           3. *Avoid all contact with any alleged victim and any potential witness*  
18           *who may testify concerning the charge, unless or until the court*  
19           *removes this condition;*

20           (d) "Verified and eligible defendant" means a defendant who pretrial services is  
21           able to interview and assess, and whose identity pretrial services is able to  
22           confirm through investigation; *and*

23           (e) *"Violent or sexual offense"* means an offense that would classify a  
24           *defendant as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401 or an offense under*  
25           *KRS Chapter 510, KRS 529.100 involving commercial sexual activity, or*  
26           *KRS 530.020, 530.064(1)(a), 531.310, or 531.320.*

27       (2) *A verified and eligible defendant shall not be detained on money bail unless he or*

1        *she meets the money bail requirements of subsection (3) of Section 2 of this Act.*

2        *(3) (a) Pretrial services shall use a validated pretrial risk assessment tool to*

3        *determine whether a verified and eligible defendant presents a low,*

4        *moderate, or high risk of failing to appear for required court appearances*

5        *or committing a criminal offense while on pretrial release pending*

6        *adjudication.*

7        *(b) The validated pretrial risk assessment tool shall weigh a defendant's risk of*

8        *failing* [When a court considers pretrial release and bail for an arrested

9        defendant, the court shall consider whether the defendant constitutes a flight

10      risk, is unlikely] to appear for *required court appearances* [trial], *or being* [or

11      is likely to be] a danger to the public if released, *by considering factors that*

12      *may include but are not limited to prior failure to appear for scheduled*

13      *court appearances, prior criminal history, types of offenses, and any other*

14      *factors determined appropriate or necessary by pretrial services*]. In making

15      this determination, the court shall consider the pretrial risk assessment for a

16      verified and eligible defendant along with the factors set forth in KRS

17      431.525].

18      *(c) The validated pretrial risk assessment tool shall be regularly validated and*

19      *adjusted to ensure that it is predictive of pretrial outcomes and accurately*

20      *predicts risk across all racial groups, ethnic groups, and genders. The tool*

21      *shall be adjusted to ensure accuracy and to minimize disparate results.*

22      *(4)[(3)] (a) If a verified and eligible defendant:*

23      *1. Poses a low or moderate risk as determined under subsection (3) of*

24      *this section;*

25      *2. Has been charged with a violation, misdemeanor, or Class D felony;*

26      *3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense;*

27      *4. Has not been charged with an enhanced scrutiny offense; and*

1       5. Has not been charged with a violation of KRS 17.510, 17.545, 17.546,  
2       17.549, 119.255, 189A.010(5)(b) to (d), 209.990, 235.240 for a second  
3       or subsequent offense, 403.763, 456.120, 456.180, 507.050, 508.030  
4       with minor or no visible injury, 508.070, 508.080, 508.120, 508.155,  
5       509.030, 509.080, 511.085, 514.080, 520.090, 524.040, 525.120,  
6       525.125, 525.130, 525.135, 525.205, 527.020, 529.020, 529.040(2),  
7       529.070, 529.080, 529.090, 530.010, 530.060, 531.020, 531.030,  
8       531.040, 531.050, 531.060, 531.090, 531.100, 531.335, 531.340,  
9       531.350, 531.360, or 531.370;

10       the defendant shall be released on his or her own recognizance by a pretrial  
11       officer, unless the defendant has been convicted of a violent or sexual  
12       offense within five (5) years prior to his or her current offense, in which  
13       case the pretrial officer, upon approval of his or her pretrial supervisor,  
14       may refer the defendant to the court.

15       (b) If a pretrial officer refers a defendant to the court pursuant to paragraph  
16       (a) of this subsection, the court may:

17       1. Order the defendant released on his or her own recognizance subject  
18       to standard conditions;  
19       2. Impose additional nonfinancial conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064  
20       and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act; or  
21       3. Either on its own or by motion of the prosecutor, detain the defendant  
22       until a detention hearing is held pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

23       (5) (a) When the court is making a bail determination for ~~H~~ a verified and eligible  
24       defendant, if the defendant:

25       1. Poses a low risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;  
26       2. Has been charged with a Class A, B, or C felony; and  
27       3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense or with an

enhanced scrutiny offense; [of flight, is likely to appear for trial, and is not likely to be a danger to others,]

the court shall order the defendant released on his or her[unsecured bond or on the defendant's] own recognizance subject to standard[such other] conditions[as the court may order].

**(b) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible defendant, if the defendant:**

1. Poses a low risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;
2. Has been charged with a Class A, B, or C felony; and
3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense but has been charged with an enhanced scrutiny offense;

the court shall order the defendant released on his or her own recognizance subject to standard conditions and may impose additional nonfinancial conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act.

(c) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible defendant, if the defendant:

**1. Poses a low risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;**  
***and***

2. Has been charged with a violent or sexual offense; the court may order the defendant released on his or her own recognizance subject to standard conditions, may impose additional nonfinancial conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act, or may, either on its own or by motion of the prosecutor, detain the defendant until a detention hearing is held pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

26 (6)[(4)] (a) When the court is making a bail determination for[H] a verified and  
27 eligible defendant, *if the defendant*:

1       1. Poses a moderate risk as determined under subsection (3) of this  
2       section;  
3       2. Has been charged with a Class A, B, or C felony; and  
4       3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense or with an  
5       enhanced scrutiny offense; [of flight, has a moderate risk of not  
6       appearing for trial, or poses a moderate risk of danger to others,]  
7       the court shall order [release] the defendant released on his or her own  
8       recognition subject to standard [under the same] conditions [as in  
9       subsection (3) of this section] and may impose additional nonfinancial  
10      conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act  
11      [but shall consider ordering the defendant to participate in global positioning  
12      system monitoring, controlled substance testing, increased supervision, or  
13      such other conditions as the court may order].

14      (b) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible  
15      defendant, if the defendant:

16       1. Poses a moderate risk as determined under subsection (3) of this  
17       section;  
18       2. Has been charged with a Class A, B, or C felony; and  
19       3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense but has been  
20       charged with an enhanced scrutiny offense;  
21       the court may order the defendant released on his or her own recognition  
22       subject to standard conditions, may impose additional nonfinancial  
23       conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this  
24       Act, or may, either on its own or by motion of the prosecutor, detain the  
25       defendant until a detention hearing is held pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

26      (c) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible  
27      defendant, if the defendant:

- 1      1. Poses a moderate risk as determined under subsection (3) of this
- 2      section; and
- 3      2. Has been charged with a violent or sexual offense;
- 4      the court shall detain the defendant until a detention hearing is held
- 5      pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.
- 6      (7) [§(5)] (a) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and
- 7      eligible defendant, if the defendant:
  - 8      1. Poses a high risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;
  - 9      2. Has been charged with a violation, misdemeanor, or Class D felony;
  - 10      and
  - 11      3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense or with an
  - 12      enhanced scrutiny offense;
  - 13      the court shall order the defendant released on his or her own recognizance
  - 14      subject to standard conditions and may impose additional nonfinancial
  - 15      conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this
  - 16      Act.
- 17      (b) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible
- 18      defendant, if the defendant:
  - 19      1. Poses a high risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;
  - 20      2. Has been charged with a Class A, B, or C felony; and
  - 21      3. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense or with an
  - 22      enhanced scrutiny offense;
  - 23      the court may order the defendant released on his or her own recognizance
  - 24      subject to standard conditions, may impose additional nonfinancial
  - 25      conditions as outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this
  - 26      Act, or may, either on its own or by motion of the prosecutor, detain the
  - 27      defendant until a detention hearing is held pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

1                   (c) When the court is making a bail determination for a verified and eligible  
2                   defendant, if the defendant:

3                   1. Poses a high risk as determined under subsection (3) of this section;  
4                   and

5                   2. Has been charged with a violent or sexual offense or with an  
6                   enhanced scrutiny offense;

7                   the court shall detain the defendant until a detention hearing is held  
8                   pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

9                   (8) If a verified and eligible defendant has been charged with a felony offense under  
10                   KRS Chapter 218A:

11                   (a) In addition to any conditions outlined in paragraph (b) of this subsection,  
12                   the defendant may be subject to any substance abuse screening or treatment  
13                   recommended by pretrial services as ordered by the court;

14                   (b) Pretrial services shall perform substance abuse screenings and may refer  
15                   the defendant for substance abuse treatment; and

16                   (c) A defendant's refusal to participate in the screening shall not disqualify the  
17                   defendant from being granted pretrial release.

18                   (9) The Supreme Court may make any procedural rules necessary to implement this  
19                   section[(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, regardless of the  
20                   amount of the bail set, the court shall permit the defendant a credit of one hundred  
21                   dollars (\$100) per day as a payment toward the amount of the bail set for each day  
22                   or portion of a day that the defendant remains in jail prior to trial. Upon the service  
23                   of sufficient days in jail to have sufficient credit to satisfy the bail, the defendant  
24                   shall be released from jail on the conditions specified in this section or in this  
25                   chapter.

26                   (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply to:  
27                   1. Any person convicted of, pleading guilty to, or entering an Alford plea

1 to a felony offense under KRS Chapter 510, KRS 529.100 involving  
2 commercial sexual activity, KRS 530.020, 530.064(1)(a), 531.310, or  
3 531.320, or who is a violent offender as defined in KRS 439.3401; or

4                   2. A defendant who is found by the court to present a flight risk or to be a  
5                   danger to others.

6 (e) For purposes of this subsection, "a day or portion of a day" means any time  
7 spent in a detention facility following booking.

8 (d) A defendant shall not earn credit pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection  
9 while also earning credit pursuant to KRS 534.070.

10 (6) If a court determines that a defendant shall not be released pursuant to subsection  
11 (5) of this section, the court shall document the reasons for denying the release in a  
12 written order.

13 (7) The jailer shall be responsible for tracking the credit earned by a defendant pursuant  
14 to subsection (5) of this section].

15 ➔ SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 431 IS CREATED TO  
16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 (I) A detention hearing shall be held within five (5) days of a verified and eligible  
18 defendant being detained pursuant to Section 1 of this Act. The detention hearing  
19 may be held at arraignment.

20 (2) (a) *At the detention hearing, if the defendant poses:*

21                   1. A low or moderate risk and was detained pursuant to Section 1 of this  
22                   Act; or

23           2. A high risk and was detained pursuant to Section 1 of this Act but is  
24            *not eligible for money bail pursuant to subsection (3) of this section;*

the court shall determine whether any nonfinancial condition, or combination of conditions, outlined in KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act will reasonably ensure the appearance of the defendant

for required court appearances and the safety of the public.

(b) The court shall, in determining whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably ensure the appearance of the defendant for required court appearances and the safety of the public, consider the following:

1. Whether the offense involves violence, obstruction of public administration under KRS Chapter 519, or interference with judicial administration under KRS Chapter 524; and

**2. The history and characteristics of the defendant, including:**

a. The defendant's character, physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history, and record concerning appearance at court proceedings;

*b. Whether, at the time of the current offense or arrest, the defendant was on probation, on parole, on supervised release, or on other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal, or completion of sentence for an offense under local, state, or federal law; and*

*c. The nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the defendant's release.*

(c) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably ensure the safety of the public if the court finds by probable cause that the defendant committed:

1. A violent or sexual offense while armed with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument:

2. A violent or sexual offense and has previously been convicted of a violent or sexual offense which was committed while on release pending trial for a local, state, or federal offense:

- 1       3. A violent or sexual offense while on release pending trial for a local,
- 2       state, or federal offense;
- 3       4. Two (2) or more violent or sexual offenses in separate incidents that
- 4       are joined in the case before the court; or
- 5       5. A violent or sexual offense in which the victim sustained a physical
- 6       injury.

7       (d) After considering the information outlined in paragraph (b) of this  
8       subsection and the existence, if any, of a rebuttable presumption under  
9       paragraph (c) of this subsection, if the court finds by clear and convincing  
10       evidence that no condition, or combination of conditions, outlined in KRS  
11       431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act will reasonably ensure the  
12       appearance of the defendant for required court appearances and the safety  
13       of the public, the court shall order the defendant detained before trial. If the  
14       court orders the defendant detained before trial, the court shall make  
15       written findings of fact and a written statement for the reasons for the  
16       detention.

17       (3) (a) At the detention hearing, if the defendant:

- 18       1. Poses a high risk and was detained pursuant to Section 1 of this Act;
- 19       2. Poses a risk of failing to appear for required court appearances;
- 20       3. Does not pose a danger to the public if released; and
- 21       4. Has not been charged with a violent or sexual offense;

22       the court may impose money bail in addition to any conditions outlined in  
23       KRS 431.064 and 431.518 and Section 5 of this Act for the sole purpose of  
24       reasonably ensuring the appearance of the defendant for required court  
25       appearances. The court shall not impose money bail to ensure the  
26       protection or the safety of the community, to ensure that the defendant will  
27       not obstruct or attempt to obstruct the criminal justice process, or for the

1                   *purpose of preventing the release of the defendant. If imposed, the amount*  
2                   *of money bail shall be set in accordance with Section 6 of this Act.*

3                   *(b) In considering whether to impose money bail under paragraph (a) of this*  
4                   *subsection, the court may upon its own motion, or shall upon the motion of*  
5                   *the Commonwealth, conduct an inquiry into the source of the property to be*  
6                   *designated for potential forfeiture or offered as collateral to secure a bond,*  
7                   *and shall decline to accept the designation or the use as collateral of*  
8                   *property that, because of its source, will not reasonably ensure the*  
9                   *appearance of the defendant at required court appearances.*

10                   *(4) At the detention hearing, the defendant shall:*

11                   *(a) Have the right to be represented by counsel and, if financially unable to*  
12                   *obtain adequate representation, to have counsel appointed; and*

13                   *(b) Be afforded an opportunity to testify. However, the defendant's testimony*  
14                   *shall not be admissible on the issue of guilt in any other judicial*  
15                   *proceedings, except:*

- 16                   *1. Proceedings under KRS 520.070 and 520.080;*
- 17                   *2. In revocation hearings;*
- 18                   *3. In perjury proceedings; and*
- 19                   *4. For the purpose of impeachment in any subsequent proceedings.*

20                   *(5) After the court has determined pursuant to this section to either detain or release*  
21                   *a verified and eligible defendant prior to trial, the determination may be reviewed*  
22                   *at any time before trial by the court either upon its own motion or upon motion of*  
23                   *either party if:*

24                   *(a) The court finds that information exists that was not known to the movant at*  
25                   *the time of the determination and that has a material bearing on the issue of*  
26                   *whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably ensure the*  
27                   *appearance of the defendant for required court appearances or the safety of*

1                   *the public; or*

2                   *(b) Based on the Commonwealth's motion, the court finds probable cause that*  
3                   *the defendant has failed to comply with the conditions of release. The court*  
4                   *may either summon the defendant to appear at a hearing or issue a warrant*  
5                   *for the defendant's arrest. If a defendant is arrested pursuant to this*  
6                   *paragraph, a detention hearing shall be held within five (5) days of arrest.*

7                   *(6) This section shall not be construed as modifying or limiting the verified and*  
8                   *eligible defendant's presumption of innocence.*

9                   ➔ Section 3. KRS 27A.360 is amended to read as follows:

10          The court disposition level of the system shall consist of at least the following  
11 information as relates to bond and pretrial release:

12          (1) Whether or not the defendant was released on bail or pretrial release;

13          (2) If *the defendant is* released on *money* bail *under Section 2 of this Act:*

14                  (a) The amount of the bail;

15                  (b) Whether the bail was cash, property, a percentage of cash bail, secured,  
16                    unsecured, or otherwise;

17                  (c) Whether the conditions of bail were satisfied; and

18                  (d) Whether or not the bail was returned, forfeited, credited to the public advocate  
19                    or otherwise; *and*

20          (3) If released on any other form of pretrial release:

21                  (a) Whether or not released on own recognizance;

22                  (b) Whether release was upon conditions, if so what conditions; and

23                  (c) Whether the conditions of release were satisfied.

24                   ➔ Section 4. KRS 222.204 is amended to read as follows:

25          (1) A person who has been arrested and placed in jail prior to trial for violation of KRS  
26                    222.202 and has not had two (2) prior convictions in the previous twelve (12)  
27                    months for violation of KRS 222.202 shall be released[as set forth by the Supreme

## ~~Court Rule of Criminal Procedure uniform schedule of bail~~:

2 (a) To an adult who is willing to accept responsibility for the defendant through a  
3 signature verification on a form determined by the Administrative Office of  
4 the Courts;

5 (b) If eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act, upon payment of [the  
6 ~~pays~~] the requisite amount of bail on a bail schedule issued by the court;

7 (c) At such time as he or she is able to safely care for himself or herself, but in  
8 no event shall he or she be detained for more than eight (8) hours following  
9 his or her arrest;

10 (d) If he or she is ordered released by a court of competent jurisdiction; or  
11 (e) Unless the [such] person's release is precluded by other provisions of law.

12 (2) The jail or facility authorized by county or city ordinance agreeing to care for the  
13 person releasing the defendant shall be considered as acting in good faith and shall  
14 not be liable for subsequent acts of the defendant upon release.

➔ Section 5. KRS 431.520 is amended to read as follows:

16     Except as provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, any person charged with an offense  
17     shall be ordered released by a court of competent jurisdiction pending trial on his or her  
18     personal recognizance, and [ or upon the execution of an unsecured bail bond in an  
19     amount set by the court or as fixed by the Supreme Court as provided by KRS 431.540,  
20     unless the court determines in the exercise of its discretion that such a release will not  
21     reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required, or the court determines the  
22     person is a flight risk or a danger to others. When such a determination is made,] the  
23     court may [shall, either in lieu of or in addition to the above methods of release,] impose  
24     any of the following conditions of release:

25 (1) Place the person in the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to  
26 supervise him or her;  
27 (2) Place restrictions on the travel, association, or place of abode of the person during

1 the period of release;

2 (3) For those eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act, require the execution  
3 of a bail bond:

4 (a) With sufficient personal surety or sureties acceptable to the court; in  
5 determining the sufficiency of such surety or sureties, the court shall consider  
6 his or her character, [his] place of residence, [his] relationship with the  
7 defendant, and [his] financial and employment circumstances; [or]

8 (b) With the ten percent (10%) deposit as provided in KRS 431.530; ~~provided~~  
9 ~~that if the defendant is permitted to earn credit toward bail pursuant to KRS~~  
10 ~~431.066, that credit shall be applied to the ten percent (10%) deposit; } or~~

11 (c) With the deposit of cash equal to the amount of the bond or in lieu thereof  
12 acceptable security as provided in KRS 431.535;

13 (4) If the person's record indicates a history of controlled substance or alcohol abuse

14 (a) Order the person to submit to periodic testing for use of controlled substances  
15 or alcohol and pay a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost of the test  
16 and analysis, as determined by the court with the fee to be collected by the  
17 circuit clerk, held in an agency account, and disbursed, on court order, solely  
18 to the agency or agencies responsible for testing and analysis as compensation  
19 for the cost of the testing and analysis performed under this subsection. If the  
20 person is declared indigent, the testing fee may be waived by the court. The  
21 Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish pilot projects to implement  
22 the provisions of this subsection; or

23 (b) Order the person to use an alcohol monitoring device, as defined in KRS  
24 431.068. All costs associated with the device, including administrative and  
25 operating costs, shall be paid by the defendant. If the court determines that the  
26 defendant is indigent, and a person, county, or other organization has not  
27 agreed to pay the costs for the defendant in an attempt to reduce incarceration

1                   expenses and increase public safety, the court shall consider other conditions  
2                   of release provided for in this section;

3       (5) (a) During all or part of a person's period of release pursuant to this section, order  
4                   the person to participate in a global positioning monitoring system program  
5                   operated by a county pursuant to KRS 67.372 and 67.374 under the same  
6                   terms and conditions provided under KRS 431.517.

7       (b) If the person is charged with a sex crime as defined in KRS 17.500, consider  
8                   requiring that he or she be monitored electronically, and shall consider  
9                   requiring the person be subject to home incarceration;

10     (6) Impose any nonfinancial conditions~~other condition~~ deemed reasonably necessary  
11                   to ensure~~assure~~ appearance as required, including a condition requiring that the  
12                   person return to custody after specified hours;

13     (7) A court authorizing the release of a person pursuant to this section shall:  
14               (a) Issue~~cause the issuance of~~ an appropriate order containing a statement of the  
15                   conditions imposed, if any; and~~– shall cause such person to be informed~~  
16               (b) Inform the person of the penalties applicable to violations of the conditions  
17                   of his or her release~~–~~ and~~– shall cause him to be informed~~ that a warrant for  
18                   his or her arrest will be issued immediately upon any such violation;

19     (8) A person for whom conditions of release are imposed and who after twenty-four  
20                   (24) hours from the time of the imposition of the~~said~~ conditions continues to be  
21                   detained as a result of his or her inability to meet the conditions of release shall,  
22                   upon written application or upon the court's own motion, be entitled to have the  
23                   conditions reviewed by the court which imposed them. A person who is ordered  
24                   released on a condition which requires that he or she return to custody after  
25                   specified hours shall, upon written application or upon the court's own motion, be  
26                   entitled to a review by the court which imposed the condition; or

27     (9) If at any time following release of a defendant and before he or she is required to

1 appear for trial, the court is advised of a material change in the defendant's  
2 circumstances or that he or she has not complied with all conditions imposed upon  
3 his or her release, the court having jurisdiction may:

4 (a) Order the arrest of the defendant;  
5 (b) Enter an order requiring the defendant and his or her surety or sureties to  
6 appear and show cause why the bail bond should not be forfeited or the  
7 conditions of the defendant's release be changed; or  
8 (c) Both.

9 A copy of the order shall be served upon the defendant and his or her  
10 surety or sureties. If the defendant fails to appear before the court as ordered or if,  
11 after hearing, the court finds the conditions of release have not been complied with,  
12 the court may change the conditions imposed or forfeit the bail bond or any portion  
13 thereof and enter a judgment for the Commonwealth against the defendant and his  
14 or her surety or sureties for the amount of the bail bond or any portion thereof and  
15 cost of the proceedings.

16 ➤Section 6. KRS 431.525 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) For those eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act, the amount of the  
18 bail shall be:  
19 (a) Sufficient to ensure compliance with the conditions of release set by  
20 the court;  
21 (b) Not oppressive;  
22 (c) Commensurate with the nature of the offense charged;  
23 (d) Considerate of the past criminal acts and the reasonably anticipated conduct  
24 of the defendant if released; and  
25 (e) Considerate of the financial ability of the defendant.  
26 (2) When a person is eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act and is  
27 charged with an offense punishable by fine only, the amount of the bail bond set

1       shall not exceed the amount of the maximum penalty and costs.

2       (3) When a person is eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act and has been  
3       convicted of an offense and only a fine has been imposed, the amount of the bail  
4       shall not exceed the amount of the fine.

5       (4) When a person is eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act and has been  
6       charged with one (1) or more misdemeanors, the amount of the bail for all charges  
7       shall be encompassed by a single amount of bail that shall not exceed the amount of  
8       the fine and court costs for the one (1) highest misdemeanor charged. This  
9       subsection shall apply only to misdemeanor offenses not involving physical injury  
10      or sexual contact.

11      (5) When a person is eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act and has been  
12      convicted of a misdemeanor offense and a sentence of jail, probation, conditional  
13      discharge, or sentence other than a fine only has been imposed, the amount of bail  
14      for release on appeal shall not exceed double the amount of the maximum fine that  
15      could have been imposed for the one (1) highest misdemeanor offense for which the  
16      person was convicted. This subsection shall apply only to misdemeanors not  
17      involving physical injury or sexual contact.

18      (6) ~~The provisions of this section shall not apply to a defendant who is found by the  
19       court to present a flight risk or to be a danger to others.~~

20      (7) ~~If a court determines that a defendant shall not be released pursuant to subsection  
21       (6) of this section, the court shall document the reasons for denying the release in a  
22       written order.~~

23      (8) ~~The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish pilot projects to implement  
24       controlled substance or alcohol abuse testing as specified under this subsection. If  
25       the person's record indicates a history of controlled substance or alcohol abuse, the  
26       court may order the person to submit to periodic testing for use of controlled  
27       substances or alcohol and to pay a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost of~~

1       the test and analysis, as determined by the court, with the fee to be collected by the  
2       circuit clerk, held in an agency account, and disbursed, on court order, solely to the  
3       agency or agencies responsible for testing and analysis as compensation for the cost  
4       of the testing and analysis performed under this subsection. If the person is declared  
5       indigent, the testing fee may be waived by the court. If the court finds the  
6       conditions of release have not been complied with, the court may change the  
7       conditions imposed or forfeit the bail bond or any portion thereof and enter a  
8       judgment for the Commonwealth against the person and his or her surety or  
9       sureties for the amount of the bail bond or any portion thereof and the cost of the  
10      proceedings.

11      ➔Section 7. KRS 431.530 is amended to read as follows:

12      (1) Any person who has been permitted to execute a bail bond in accordance with KRS  
13       431.520(3)(b) shall deposit with the clerk of the court before which the action is  
14       pending a sum of money equal to ten percent (10%) of the bail, but in no event shall  
15       such deposit be less than ten dollars (\$10)[~~unless the defendant earned full credit~~  
16       ~~toward the applicable amount of bail pursuant to KRS 431.066, in which case the~~  
17       ~~defendant shall not be required to make a deposit with the clerk of the court~~].

18      (2) Upon making the deposit required under subsection (1) of this section,~~[depositing~~  
19       ~~said sum~~] the defendant shall be released from custody subject to all conditions of  
20       release imposed by the court.

21      (3) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, if the conditions of release have  
22       been performed and the defendant has been discharged from all obligations in the  
23       action, the clerk of the court shall return to the defendant, unless the court orders  
24       otherwise, ninety percent (90%) of the sum deposited and shall retain as bail costs  
25       ten percent (10%) of the amount deposited; provided, however, in no event shall the  
26       amount retained by the clerk as bail costs be less than five dollars (\$5). ~~It is further~~  
27       ~~provided that~~]The court shall order the clerk of court to pay into the public

1 advocate special account any amount of the sum deposited by the defendant, in  
2 excess of bail costs, which in its sound discretion represents a reasonable fee for  
3 any public advocate legal or investigative services provided for the defendant under  
4 KRS Chapter 31, but in no event shall the amount [so] paid to the public advocate  
5 special account as public advocate legal and investigative fees be less than five  
6 dollars (\$5) per case. At the request of the defendant the court may order the  
7 amount repayable to defendant from the[such] deposit to be paid to defendant's  
8 attorney of record.

9 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, if a final judgment for a fine  
10 and court costs or either is entered in the prosecution of an action in which a deposit  
11 has been made in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, the balance of  
12 the[such] deposit, after deduction of bail costs and public advocate fees as provided  
13 for in subsection (3) of this section, shall be applied to the satisfaction of the  
14 judgment.

15 (5) If the defendant has performed all conditions of release and if the defendant is  
16 found not guilty of the offense for which bail was posted, or if all charges against  
17 him or her relating to the offense for which bail was posted are dropped or  
18 dismissed, then all bail money deposited by the defendant or by another person on  
19 his or her behalf shall be returned to him or her with no deductions [therefrom] as  
20 provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section.

21 ➔Section 8. KRS 431.540 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The Supreme Court may by rule or order prescribe a uniform schedule of amounts  
23 of bail in designated nonviolent Class D felonies, misdemeanors, and violations for  
24 defendants eligible for money bail under Section 2 of this Act.[:]

25 (2)[(1)] Except as provided in subsection (3)[(2)] of this section, when the amount of  
26 bail is fixed by the[such] rule or order of the Supreme Court for a particular  
27 offense, the clerk of the court or other public officers [so] authorized by the court's

1 order shall accept cash bail in the prescribed amount or the deposit authorized by  
2 KRS 431.530 and release the defendant to appear in accordance with the conditions  
3 of the bail bond. A receipt shall be delivered to the defendant for the bail so taken  
4 and within a reasonable time the[such] bail shall be deposited with the clerk of the  
5 court having jurisdiction of the offense.

6 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ A court may, in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, refuse to set bail in  
7 the amount prescribed by the[such] rule or order of the Supreme Court, but, in so  
8 doing, the court must set forth in writing its reasons for the[such] refusal.

9 ➔Section 9. KRS 452.260 is amended to read as follows:

10 If the defendant is in custody, the order for the change of venue shall be accompanied by  
11 an order for his or her removal by the sheriff or jailer of the county in which he or she is  
12 held, with such sufficient guard as the court directs, and for his or her delivery to the  
13 jailer of the county where the trial is to be held. If the defendant is under recognizance or  
14 bond for his or her appearance, he or she shall be ordered to appear before[, before the  
15 order is granted, give sufficient bail for his appearance at] the proper court[, or be  
16 surrendered into the custody of the proper officer].

17 ➔Section 10. KRS 431.510 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) As used in this section:

19 (a) 1. "Bail bondsman" means any person, partnership, or corporation engaged  
20 for profit in the business of:

21 a. Furnishing bail, making bonds, or entering into undertakings, as  
22 surety, for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal  
23 offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine,  
24 imprisonment, or death, before any of the courts of this state; or  
25 b. Securing the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by  
26 those courts upon final disposition[thereof].

27 2. The business of a bail bondsman is limited to the acts, transactions, and

undertakings described in this paragraph[ and to no other]; and

(b) "Charitable bail organization" means an organization, including but not limited to an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that solicits or accepts donations from the public for the purpose of:

1. Furnishing bail, making bonds, or entering into undertakings, as surety, whether through direct payment or by payment through a third party, for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death before any of the courts of this state; or

2. Securing the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by any of the courts of this state upon final disposition[ thereof].

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of bail bondsman or to otherwise for compensation or other consideration:

(a) Furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail; or

(b) Make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety; for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, before any of the courts of this state, or to secure the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by such courts upon a final disposition.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any charitable bail organization to:

(a) Furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail in an amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more; or

(b) Make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety in an amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more; for the appearance of persons charged with any criminal offense or violation of law or ordinance punishable by fine or imprisonment before any of the courts of this

1 state, or to secure the payment of fines imposed and of costs assessed by those  
2 courts upon a final disposition.

3 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any  
4 charitable bail organization to furnish bail or funds or property to serve as bail, or to  
5 make bonds or enter into undertakings as surety, regardless of amount, for any  
6 person:

7 (a) Alleged to have committed an offense:

8 1. Of domestic violence and abuse as defined in KRS 403.720;  
9 2. Of dating violence and abuse as defined in KRS 456.010; or  
10 3. That would classify the person as a violent offender under KRS  
11 439.3401;

12 (b) Held under a civil court order or warrant issued under KRS 222.430 to  
13 222.437; or

14 (c) Who has previously received bail or funds or property to serve as bail from a  
15 charitable bail organization.

16 (5) Any person who posts bail or bond on behalf of any organization under this section  
17 shall provide ~~fa~~photo identification.

18 (6) A charitable bail organization shall maintain and annually report the following  
19 information to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint  
20 Committee on Judiciary no later than October 31 of each year, and shall make  
21 publicly available on the organization's website, or by publishing in a newspaper of  
22 general circulation that complies with the requirements of KRS 424.120 if the  
23 organization does not maintain a website:

24 (a) The expenditures of the organization, including a separate reporting of the  
25 amount furnished for bail, or funds or property to serve as bail; and

26 (b) The number of individuals and classification of offenses for those individuals  
27 for which any bail, or funds or property to serve as bail, has been provided.

1       (7) Any bond posted by a charitable organization under this section that is ordered  
2       forfeited as a result of the commission of a new criminal offense shall be distributed  
3       to the victim of the new criminal offense, if a victim is identified.

4       (8) Nothing contained in this section shall serve to release any bail bondsman  
5       previously licensed by this state from the obligation of undischarged bail bond  
6       liability existing on June 19, 1976.

7       (9) KRS 431.510 to 431.550 shall not be construed to ~~limit or repeal KRS 431.021 or~~  
8       to ~~prevent~~ prevent licensed insurers providing security required by Subtitle 39 of KRS  
9       Chapter 304 and nonprofit associations from posting or causing to be posted by  
10      licensed insurers security or acting as surety for their insureds or members for an  
11      offense arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, provided that ~~the~~such posting  
12      of security or acting as surety is merely incidental to the terms and  
13      conditions of an insurance contract or a membership agreement and ~~provided~~  
14      ~~further~~ that no separate premium or charge for that service~~therefor~~ is required  
15      from the insureds or members.

16      ➔Section 11. The following KRS section is repealed:

17      431.021 Guaranteed arrest bond certificate of surety company to be accepted in lieu of  
18      cash bail in traffic cases.