

1           AN ACT relating to the protection of elected officials.

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

3           ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 IS CREATED TO

4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5    (1) As used in this section, "statewide-elected official" means any of the following:

6           (a) The Governor;

7           (b) The Lieutenant Governor;

8           (c) The Secretary of State;

9           (d) The Attorney General;

10           (e) The Auditor of Public Accounts;

11           (f) The State Treasurer;

12           (g) The Commissioner of Agriculture;

13           (h) A justice of the Supreme Court;

14           (i) A Court of Appeals judge;

15           (j) A Circuit Court judge;

16           (k) A District Court judge;

17           (l) A state senator of the General Assembly; or

18           (m) A state representative of the General Assembly.

19    (2) Upon receipt of a credible threat to kill or seriously injure a statewide-elected  
20    official, the department or an agency designated by the department shall:

21           (a) Immediately investigate and conduct an assessment of the veracity of the  
22           threat; and

23           (b) After the assessment, if it determines that the threat is a viable threat,  
24           identify ways to mitigate or eliminate the threat by:

25           1. Working with local law enforcement;

26           2. Conducting arrests;

27           3. Providing security detail to the statewide-elected official who received

1                    *the threat; or*

2                    *4. Any other mitigation tactics.*