

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.*