

1 AN ACT relating to children.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 403 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) (a) As used in this section, "day" means more than twelve (12) consecutive*
6 *hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period under the care, control, or direct*
7 *supervision of one (1) parent or caretaker, or as the court determines based*
8 *on findings of substantially equivalent care or expense. Unless the context*
9 *requires otherwise, "day" shall include housing, entertaining, feeding,*
10 *transporting the child, attending to school work, athletic events,*
11 *extracurricular activities, or other activities that transfer with the child as*
12 *the child moves from one (1) parent to the other.*

13 *(b) The parenting time for either parent shall begin at the time of exchange of*
14 *the child or children from one (1) parent to the other.*

15 *(c) Unless otherwise ordered, if the exchange occurs at school or with a care*
16 *provider, the receiving parent's time shall begin and the other parent's time*
17 *shall end at the time the child is picked up from school or from the care*
18 *provider.*

19 *(2) (a) In order to receive a shared parenting time credit, a parent shall maintain*
20 *care, custody, and control over the child for a minimum of eighty-eight (88)*
21 *days per year, as defined by this section, regardless of the age of the child.*

22 *(b) The shared parenting time credit shall only be applicable for parenting time*
23 *that is court-ordered or parenting time that is exercised by consent of the*
24 *parties.*

25 *(3) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section or otherwise provided in this*
26 *chapter, the child support obligation determined under KRS 403.212 shall be*
27 *subject to further adjustment upon motion of the parent seeking credit as follows:*

1 (a) For parents who share parenting time under an order that is court-ordered
2 or exercised by consent of the parties, the court shall:

3 1. a. Calculate the child support obligation set forth in the child
4 support guidelines table in accordance with KRS 403.212(5)(a)
5 using the combined gross adjusted income of the parties.

6 b. If both parents exercise their equal shared parenting time, the
7 parent with the higher gross monthly income shall be deemed the
8 obligor;

9 2. Determine the number of days for both parents on an annual basis
10 based upon an order that is court-ordered or approved and exercised;

11 3. Using the days a child spends with the obligated parent, determine the
12 adjustment percentage using the shared parenting time credit chart in
13 subsection (4) of this section;

14 4. Determine the shared parenting time credit adjustment by multiplying
15 the obligated parent's adjustment percentage by the total support
16 obligation found on the child support obligation worksheet to establish
17 the shared parenting expense adjustment for the obligated parent, as
18 determined in subparagraph 1. of this paragraph; and

19 5. Subtract the amount calculated in subparagraph 4. of this paragraph
20 from the obligated parent's monthly obligation, found on the child
21 support obligation worksheet, as determined in subparagraph 1. of this
22 paragraph;

23 (b) The court may use its discretion in adjusting each parent's child support
24 obligation under this subsection after consideration of the following:

25 1. The obligated parent's income and ability to maintain the basic
26 necessities of the home for the child;

27 2. Whether either parent has consistently exercised, or is likely to

1 consistently exercise, the court-ordered time-sharing schedule or time-
2 sharing agreement between the parents;

3 3. Whether all of the children are subject to the same time-sharing
4 schedule;

5 4. Whether the time-sharing plan results in fewer overnights due to a
6 significant geographical distance between the parties that may affect
7 the child support obligation;

8 5. The military deployment or extended service obligations of the parties;
9 and

10 6. The health insurance or medical care provided by either parent; and

11 (c) The self-support reserve, as calculated under KRS 403.212(5)(b), and the
12 shared parenting time credit, as calculated under this subsection, shall not
13 be applied together. The obligor shall be responsible for the lesser support
14 amount as determined under KRS 403.212(5)(c).

15 (4) The shared parenting time credit chart is as follows:

<u>Parenting Time Days</u>	<u>Adjustment Percentage</u>
<u>88-115</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>116-129</u>	<u>20.5%</u>
<u>130-142</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>143-152</u>	<u>30.5%</u>
<u>153-162</u>	<u>36%</u>
<u>163-172</u>	<u>42%</u>
<u>173-181</u>	<u>48.5%</u>
<u>182-182.5</u>	<u>50%</u>

25 (5) (a) Failure by one (1) party to consistently exercise the court-ordered time-
26 sharing schedule or time-sharing agreement between the parents shall be
27 grounds for the other party to seek modification from the court.

1 **(b) A party may seek modification following a fifteen percent (15%) change in**
2 **the number of timesharing days and shall have the burden of proving a**
3 **material change in timesharing circumstances.**

4 **(c) Nothing in this section shall affect or prevent the application of KRS**
5 **403.213(2).**

6 **(6) The court shall have discretion in awarding a shared parenting time credit if the**
7 **obligee receives:**

8 **(a) Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP);**

9 **(b) Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP);**

10 **(c) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or**

11 **(d) Medicaid.**

12 ➔Section 2. KRS 403.211 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) An action to establish or enforce child support may be initiated by the parent,
14 custodian, or agency substantially contributing to the support of the child. The
15 action may be brought in the county in which the child resides or where the
16 defendant resides.

17 (2) At the time of initial establishment of a child support order, whether temporary or
18 permanent, or in any proceeding to modify a support order, the child support
19 guidelines in KRS 403.212 or **Section 1 of this Act**~~[403.2121]~~ shall serve as a
20 rebuttable presumption for the establishment or modification of the amount of child
21 support. Courts may deviate from the guidelines where their application would be
22 unjust or inappropriate. Any deviation shall be accompanied by a written finding or
23 specific finding on the record by the court, specifying the reason for the deviation.

24 (3) A written finding or specific finding on the record that the application of the
25 guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case shall be sufficient to
26 rebut the presumption and allow for an appropriate adjustment of the guideline
27 award if based upon one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- 1 (a) A child's extraordinary medical or dental needs;
- 2 (b) A child's extraordinary educational, job training, or special needs;
- 3 (c) Either parent's own extraordinary needs, such as medical expenses;
- 4 (d) The independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;
- 5 (e) Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income in excess of the Kentucky
- 6 child support guidelines;
- 7 (f) The parents of the child, having demonstrated knowledge of the amount of
- 8 child support established by the Kentucky child support guidelines, have
- 9 agreed to child support different from the guideline amount. However, no
- 10 such agreement shall be the basis of any deviation if public assistance is being
- 11 paid on behalf of a child under the provisions of Part D of Title IV of the
- 12 Federal Social Security Act;~~and~~
- 13 **(g) Failure by one (1) party to consistently exercise the court-ordered time-**
- 14 **sharing schedule or time-sharing agreement between the parents; and**
- 15 **(h)**~~(g)~~ Any similar factor of an extraordinary nature specifically identified by
- 16 the court which would make application of the guidelines inappropriate.
- 17 (4) "Extraordinary" as used in this section shall be determined by the court in its
- 18 discretion.
- 19 (5) When a party has defaulted or the court is otherwise presented with insufficient
- 20 evidence to determine gross income, the court shall order child support based upon
- 21 the needs of the child or the previous standard of living of the child, whichever is
- 22 greater. An order entered by default or due to insufficient evidence to determine
- 23 gross income may be modified upward and arrearages awarded from the date of the
- 24 original order if evidence of gross income is presented within two (2) years which
- 25 would have established a higher amount of child support pursuant to the child
- 26 support guidelines set forth in KRS 403.212 or **Section 1 of this Act**~~[403.2121]~~.
- 27 (6) The court shall allocate between the parents, in proportion to their combined

1 monthly adjusted parental gross income, reasonable and necessary child care costs
2 incurred due to employment, job search, or education leading to employment, in
3 addition to the amount ordered under the child support guidelines.

4 (7) (a) Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. sec. 303.31(a)(2), for the purposes of this section,
5 "health care coverage" includes fee for service, health maintenance
6 organization, preferred provider organization, and other types of private
7 health insurance and public health care coverage under which medical
8 services could be provided to a dependent child. If health care coverage is
9 reasonable in cost and accessible to either parent at the time the request for
10 coverage is made, the court shall order the parent to obtain or maintain
11 coverage, and the court shall allocate between the parents, in proportion to
12 their combined monthly adjusted parental gross income, the cost of health
13 care coverage for the child, in addition to the support ordered under the child
14 support guidelines.

15 (b) A parent, who has one hundred percent (100%) of the combined monthly
16 adjusted parental gross income, shall be entitled to a reduction in gross
17 income of the entire amount of premiums incurred and paid.

18 (c) The court shall order the cost of health care coverage of the child to be paid
19 by either or both parents of the child regardless of who has physical custody.

20 The court order shall include:

- 21 1. A judicial directive designating which parent shall have financial
22 responsibility for providing health care coverage for the dependent
23 child, which shall include but not be limited to health care coverage,
24 payments of necessary health care deductibles or copayments;
- 25 2. If appropriate, cash medical support. "Cash medical support" means an
26 amount to be paid toward the cost of health care coverage, fixed
27 payments for ongoing medical costs, extraordinary medical expenses, or

1 any combination thereof; and

2 3. A statement providing that if the designated parent's health care
3 coverage provides for covered services for dependent children beyond
4 the age of majority, then any unmarried children up to twenty-five (25)
5 years of age who are full-time students enrolled in and attending an
6 accredited educational institution and who are primarily dependent on
7 the insured parent for maintenance and support shall be covered.

8 (d) If health care coverage is not reasonable in cost and accessible at the time the
9 request for the coverage is made, the court order shall provide for cash
10 medical support until health care coverage becomes reasonable in cost and
11 accessible.

12 (8) (a) For purposes of this section, "reasonable in cost" means that the cost of
13 coverage to the responsible parent does not exceed five percent (5%) of his or
14 her gross income. The five percent (5%) standard shall apply to the cost of
15 adding the child to an existing policy, the difference in the cost between a
16 single and a family policy, or the cost of acquiring a separate policy to cover
17 the child. If the parties agree or the court finds good cause exists, the court
18 may order health care coverage in excess of five percent (5%) of the parent's
19 gross income.

20 (b) For purposes of this section, "accessible" means that there are providers who
21 meet the health care needs of the child and who are located no more than sixty
22 (60) minutes or sixty (60) miles from the child's primary residence, except
23 that nothing shall prohibit use of a provider located more than sixty (60)
24 minutes or sixty (60) miles from the child's primary residence.

25 (9) **The initial two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) of medical expenses shall be covered**
26 **by the parent who maintains health insurance for the child or children subject to**
27 **the order per calendar year, unless the parties have agreed otherwise.**

1 (10) (a) The cost of extraordinary medical expenses shall be allocated between the
2 parties in proportion to their combined monthly adjusted parental gross
3 incomes.

4 (b) 1. "Extraordinary medical expenses" means uninsured expenses in excess
5 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) ~~for the~~^{per} child or children subject
6 to the order per calendar year.

7 2. "Extraordinary medical expenses" includes but is not limited to the costs
8 that are reasonably necessary for medical, surgical, dental, orthodontal,
9 optometric, nursing, and hospital services; for professional counseling or
10 psychiatric therapy for diagnosed medical disorders; and for drugs and
11 medical supplies, appliances, laboratory, diagnostic, and therapeutic
12 services.

13 ~~(11)~~⁽¹⁰⁾ The court order shall include the Social Security numbers, provided in
14 accordance with KRS 403.135, of all parties subject to a support order.

15 ~~(12)~~⁽¹¹⁾ In any case administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, if the
16 parent ordered to provide health care coverage is enrolled through an insurer but
17 fails to enroll the child under family coverage, the other parent or the Cabinet for
18 Health and Family Services may, upon application, enroll the child.

19 ~~(13)~~⁽¹²⁾ In any case administered by the cabinet, information received or transmitted
20 shall not be published or be open for public inspection, including reasonable
21 evidence of domestic violence or child abuse if the disclosure of the information
22 could be harmful to the custodial parent or the child of the parent. Necessary
23 information and records may be furnished as specified by KRS 205.175.

24 ~~(14)~~⁽¹³⁾ In the case in which a parent is obligated to provide health care coverage, and
25 changes employment, and the new employer provides health care coverage, the
26 Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall transfer notice of the provision for
27 coverage for the child to the employer, which shall operate to enroll this child in the

1 obligated parent's health plan, unless the obligated parent contests the notice as
2 specified by KRS Chapter 13B.

3 ~~(15)~~~~(14)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any wage or income shall
4 not be exempt from attachment or assignment for the payment of current child
5 support or owed or to-be-owed child support.

6 ~~(16)~~~~(15)~~ A payment of money received by a child as a result of a parental disability
7 shall be credited against the child support obligation of the parent. A payment shall
8 not be counted as income to either parent when calculating a child support
9 obligation. An amount received in excess of the child support obligation shall be
10 credited against a child support arrearage owed by the parent that accrued
11 subsequent to the date of the parental disability, but shall not be applied to an
12 arrearage that accrued prior to the date of disability. The date of disability shall be
13 as determined by the paying agency.

14 ➔Section 3. KRS 403.090 (Effective until July 1, 2025) is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 (1) The fiscal court of any county may, by resolution, authorize the appointment of a
17 "friend of the court." If the Circuit Court of the county has but one (1) judge, the
18 appointment shall be made by the judge. If the court has two (2) or more judges, the
19 appointment shall be made by joint action of the judges, at the general term. The
20 person appointed to the office of friend of the court shall serve at the pleasure of,
21 and subject to removal by, the appointing authority. The person appointed shall be a
22 licensed practicing attorney. The appointed person shall take the constitutional oath
23 of office and shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the appointing judge
24 or judges.

25 (2) Except for those cases administered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. secs. 651 et seq., it shall
26 be the duty of the friend of the court to supervise and enforce the payment of sums
27 ordered or adjudged by the Circuit Court in divorce actions to be paid for the care

1 and maintenance of minor children. All persons who have been ordered or adjudged
2 by the court, in connection with divorce actions, to make payments for the care and
3 maintenance of children, shall, if so ordered by the court, make such payments to
4 the friend of the court. The friend of the court shall see that the payments, except
5 for those cases administered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. secs. 651 et seq., are properly
6 applied in accordance with the order or judgment. However, if the court so directs,
7 the payments may be made through the juvenile session of District Court of the
8 county; in such case the friend of the court shall render such assistance as may be
9 required in keeping records concerning such payments and in the enforcement of
10 delinquent payments, and the Circuit Court may direct that a designated amount or
11 portion of the funds appropriated by the fiscal court for expenses of the friend of the
12 court be paid to the juvenile session of District Court as reimbursement for the
13 expenses incurred by the juvenile session of District Court in connection with the
14 handling of such payments. The friend of the court shall promptly investigate all
15 cases where payments have become delinquent, and when necessary shall cause the
16 delinquent person to be brought before the court for the purpose of compelling
17 payment. The friend of the court shall ascertain the facts concerning the care,
18 custody, and maintenance of children for whom payments are being made, and shall
19 report to the court all cases in which the children are not receiving proper care or
20 maintenance, or in which the person having custody is failing to furnish proper
21 custody. He shall make such other reports to the court as the court may require.

22 (3) In the event that a waiver is granted under 42 U.S.C. secs. 651 et seq., allowing
23 payment of wage withholding collections to be directed to the friend of the court, an
24 obligor shall be given the option of payment either to the friend of the court or the
25 centralized collection agency.

26 (4) In any action for divorce where the parties have minor children, the friend of the
27 court, if requested by the trial judge, shall make such investigation as will enable

1 the friend of the court to ascertain all facts and circumstances that will affect the
2 rights and interests of the children and will enable the court to enter just and proper
3 orders and judgment concerning the care, custody, and maintenance of the children.

4 The friend of the court shall make a report to the trial judge, at a time fixed by the
5 judge, setting forth recommendations as to the care, custody, and maintenance of
6 the children. The friend of the court may request the court to postpone the final
7 submission of any case to give the friend of the court a reasonable time in which to
8 complete the investigation.

9 (5) The friend of the court shall have authority to secure the issuance by the court of
10 any order, rule, or citation necessary for the proper enforcement of orders and
11 judgments in divorce actions concerning the custody, care, and maintenance of
12 children. In performing duties under subsection (4) of this section the friend of the
13 court shall attend the taking of depositions within the county, and shall have
14 authority to cross-examine the witnesses. In the case of depositions taken on
15 interrogatories, the friend of the court may file cross-interrogatories. The friend of
16 the court shall be duly notified of the time and place of the taking of depositions in
17 all divorce actions where the parties have minor children, and shall attend the taking
18 of all such depositions when the friend of the court deems it necessary for the
19 protection of the minor children, or when the friend of the court may be directed by
20 the court to attend.

21 (6) The friend of the court shall not directly or indirectly represent any party to a
22 divorce action except as herein authorized to represent the minor children of parties
23 to a divorce action, but if an allowance is made for the support of a spouse and an
24 infant child or children, may proceed to enforce the payment of the allowance made
25 to the spouse also.

26 (7) Where a friend of the court is acting as a designee of the cabinet pursuant to KRS
27 205.712 and an applicant for Title IV-D services pursuant to KRS 205.721 has

1 requested a modification of an existing child support order pursuant to a divorce or
2 other judicial order, the friend of the court shall seek the modification, providing all
3 jurisdictional requirements are met. The friend of the court's representation shall
4 extend only for the limited purpose of seeking a modification of an existing child
5 support order consistent with the provisions of KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of this
6 Act~~[403.2121]~~.

7 (8) The fiscal court of any county which has authorized the appointment of a friend of
8 the court under this section shall, by resolution, fix a reasonable compensation for
9 the friend of the court and make a reasonable allowance for necessary expenses,
10 equipment, and supplies, payable out of the general fund of the county, upon
11 approval of the appointing judge or judges.

12 ➔Section 4. KRS 403.090 (Effective July 1, 2025) is amended to read as follows:

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14 "friend of the court." If the Circuit Court of the county has but one (1) judge, the
15 appointment shall be made by the judge. If the court has two (2) or more judges, the
16 appointment shall be made by joint action of the judges, at the general term. The
17 person appointed to the office of friend of the court shall serve at the pleasure of,
18 and subject to removal by, the appointing authority. The person appointed shall be a
19 licensed practicing attorney. The appointed person shall take the constitutional oath
20 of office and shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the appointing judge
21 or judges.

22 (2) Except for those cases administered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 651 et seq., it shall
23 be the duty of the friend of the court to supervise and enforce the payment of sums
24 ordered or adjudged by the Circuit Court in divorce actions to be paid for the care
25 and maintenance of minor children. All persons who have been ordered or adjudged
26 by the court, in connection with divorce actions, to make payments for the care and
27 maintenance of children, shall, if so ordered by the court, make such payments to

1 the friend of the court. The friend of the court shall see that the payments, except
2 for those cases administered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 651 et seq., are properly
3 applied in accordance with the order or judgment. However, if the court so directs,
4 the payments may be made through the juvenile session of District Court of the
5 county; in such case the friend of the court shall render such assistance as may be
6 required in keeping records concerning such payments and in the enforcement of
7 delinquent payments, and the Circuit Court may direct that a designated amount or
8 portion of the funds appropriated by the fiscal court for expenses of the friend of the
9 court be paid to the juvenile session of District Court as reimbursement for the
10 expenses incurred by the juvenile session of District Court in connection with the
11 handling of such payments. The friend of the court shall promptly investigate all
12 cases where payments have become delinquent, and when necessary shall cause the
13 delinquent person to be brought before the court for the purpose of compelling
14 payment. The friend of the court shall ascertain the facts concerning the care,
15 custody, and maintenance of children for whom payments are being made, and shall
16 report to the court all cases in which the children are not receiving proper care or
17 maintenance, or in which the person having custody is failing to furnish proper
18 custody. He shall make such other reports to the court as the court may require.

19 (3) In the event that a waiver is granted under 42 U.S.C. sec. 651 et seq., allowing
20 payment of wage withholding collections to be directed to the friend of the court, an
21 obligor shall be given the option of payment either to the friend of the court or the
22 centralized collection agency.

23 (4) In any action for divorce where the parties have minor children, the friend of the
24 court, if requested by the trial judge, shall make such investigation as will enable
25 the friend of the court to ascertain all facts and circumstances that will affect the
26 rights and interests of the children and will enable the court to enter just and proper
27 orders and judgment concerning the care, custody, and maintenance of the children.

1 The friend of the court shall make a report to the trial judge, at a time fixed by the
2 judge, setting forth recommendations as to the care, custody, and maintenance of
3 the children. The friend of the court may request the court to postpone the final
4 submission of any case to give the friend of the court a reasonable time in which to
5 complete the investigation.

6 (5) The friend of the court shall have authority to secure the issuance by the court of
7 any order, rule, or citation necessary for the proper enforcement of orders and
8 judgments in divorce actions concerning the custody, care, and maintenance of
9 children. In performing duties under subsection (4) of this section the friend of the
10 court shall attend the taking of depositions within the county, and shall have
11 authority to cross-examine the witnesses. In the case of depositions taken on
12 interrogatories, the friend of the court may file cross-interrogatories. The friend of
13 the court shall be duly notified of the time and place of the taking of depositions in
14 all divorce actions where the parties have minor children, and shall attend the taking
15 of all such depositions when the friend of the court deems it necessary for the
16 protection of the minor children, or when the friend of the court may be directed by
17 the court to attend.

18 (6) The friend of the court shall not directly or indirectly represent any party to a
19 divorce action except as herein authorized to represent the minor children of parties
20 to a divorce action, but if an allowance is made for the support of a spouse and an
21 infant child or children, may proceed to enforce the payment of the allowance made
22 to the spouse also.

23 (7) Where a friend of the court is acting as a designee of the Office of the Attorney
24 General pursuant to KRS 15.802 and an applicant for Title IV-D services pursuant
25 to KRS 15.810 has requested a modification of an existing child support order
26 pursuant to a divorce or other judicial order, the friend of the court shall seek the
27 modification, providing all jurisdictional requirements are met. The friend of the

1 court's representation shall extend only for the limited purpose of seeking a
2 modification of an existing child support order consistent with the provisions of
3 KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of this Act[403.2121].

4 (8) The fiscal court of any county which has authorized the appointment of a friend of
5 the court under this section shall, by resolution, fix a reasonable compensation for
6 the friend of the court and make a reasonable allowance for necessary expenses,
7 equipment, and supplies, payable out of the general fund of the county, upon
8 approval of the appointing judge or judges.

9 ➔Section 5. KRS 403.212 (Effective until July 1, 2025) is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (1) The following provisions and child support table shall be the child support
12 guidelines established for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

13 (2) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall:

14 (a) Promulgate an administrative regulation in accordance with KRS Chapter
15 13A establishing a child support obligation worksheet; and

16 (b) Make accessible on its website[Web site] a manual providing examples or
17 illustrations of the application of the child support guidelines and the child
18 support obligation worksheet.

19 (3) For the purposes of the child support guidelines:

20 (a) "Income" means actual gross income of the parent if employed to full capacity
21 or potential income if unemployed or underemployed;

22 (b) "Gross income" includes income from any source, except as excluded in this
23 subsection, and includes but is not limited to income from salaries, wages,
24 retirement and pension funds, commissions, bonuses, dividends, severance
25 pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, Social Security
26 benefits, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits,
27 disability insurance benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), gifts,

1 prizes, and alimony or maintenance received. Specifically excluded are
2 benefits received from means-tested public assistance programs, including but
3 not limited to public assistance as defined under Title IV-A of the Federal
4 Social Security Act, and food stamps;

5 (c) For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a
6 business, or joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation,
7 "gross income" means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses
8 required for self-employment or business operation. Straight-line
9 depreciation, using Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, shall be the
10 only allowable method of calculating depreciation expense in determining
11 gross income. Specifically excluded from ordinary and necessary expenses for
12 purposes of this guideline shall be investment tax credits or any other business
13 expenses inappropriate for determining gross income for purposes of
14 calculating child support. Income and expenses from self-employment or
15 operation of a business shall be carefully reviewed to determine an
16 appropriate level of gross income available to the parent to satisfy a child
17 support obligation. In most cases, this amount will differ from a determination
18 of business income for tax purposes. Expense reimbursement or in-kind
19 payments received by a parent in the course of employment, self-employment,
20 or operation of a business or personal use of business property or payments of
21 expenses by a business, shall be counted as income if they are significant and
22 reduce personal living expenses such as a company or business car, free
23 housing, reimbursed meals, or club dues;

24 (d) "Self-support reserve" means a low-income adjustment amount to the
25 obligated parent of nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$915) per month that
26 considers the subsistence needs of the obligor with a limited ability to pay in
27 accordance with 45 C.F.R. sec. 302.56(c)(1)(ii), and as applied under

1 subsection (5) of this section;

- 2 (e) 1. If there is a finding that a parent is voluntarily unemployed or
3 underemployed, child support shall be calculated based on a
4 determination of potential income, except that a finding of voluntary
5 unemployment or underemployment and a determination of potential
6 income shall not be made for a parent who is incarcerated, physically or
7 mentally incapacitated, or is caring for a very young child, age three (3)
8 or younger, for whom the parents owe a joint legal responsibility;
- 9 2. A court may find a parent is voluntarily unemployed or underemployed
10 without finding that the parent intended to avoid or reduce the child
11 support obligation; and
- 12 3. Imputation of potential income, when applicable, shall include
13 consideration of the following circumstances of the parents, to the extent
14 known:
- 15 a. Assets and residence;
- 16 b. Employment, earning history, and job skills;
- 17 c. Educational level, literacy, age, health, and criminal record that
18 could impair the ability to gain or continue employment;
- 19 d. Record of seeking work;
- 20 e. Local labor market, including availability of employment for
21 which the parent may be qualified and employable;
- 22 f. Prevailing earnings in the local labor market; and
- 23 g. Other relevant background factors, including employment barriers;
- 24 (f) "Obligor" has the same meaning as in KRS 205.710;
- 25 (g) "Imputed child support obligation" means the amount of child support the
26 parent would be required to pay from application of the child support
27 guidelines;

- 1 (h) Income statements of the parents shall be verified by documentation of both
2 current and past income. Suitable documentation shall include, but shall not
3 be limited to, income tax returns, paystubs, employer statements, or receipts
4 and expenses if self-employed;
- 5 (i) "Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income" means the combined
6 monthly gross incomes of both parents, less any of the following payments
7 made by the parent:
- 8 1. The amount of pre-existing orders for current maintenance for prior
9 spouses to the extent payment is actually made and the amount of
10 current maintenance, if any, ordered paid in the proceeding before the
11 court;
 - 12 2. The amount of pre-existing orders of current child support for prior-born
13 children to the extent payment is actually made under those orders; and
 - 14 3. A deduction for the support to the extent payment is made, if a parent is
15 legally responsible for and is actually providing support for other prior-
16 born children who are not the subject of a particular proceeding. If the
17 prior-born children reside with that parent, an "imputed child support
18 obligation" shall be allowed in the amount which would result from
19 application of the guidelines for the support of the prior-born children;
20 and
- 21 (j) "Split custody arrangement" means a situation where each parent has sole
22 custody and decision-making authority while the child or children is in his or
23 her residence. Visitation only occurs when the child is in residence with the
24 other parent.
- 25 (4) Any child support obligation shall be calculated by using the number of children for
26 whom the parents share a joint legal responsibility.
- 27 (5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the child support

1 obligation set forth in the child support guidelines table shall be divided
2 between the parents in proportion to their combined monthly adjusted parental
3 gross income.

4 (b) The child support obligation of an obligated parent whose monthly adjusted
5 gross income is equal to or less than the amounts in subparagraphs 1. to 5. of
6 this paragraph shall be calculated using the monthly adjusted gross income of
7 the obligated parent alone to provide for the self-support reserve. The
8 following monthly adjusted gross income amounts shall qualify an individual
9 for the self-support reserve:

- 10 1. One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) with one (1) child;
- 11 2. One thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) with two (2) children;
- 12 3. One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) with three (3) children;
- 13 4. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) with four (4) or five (5)
14 children; or
- 15 5. One thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) with six (6) or more children.

16 (c) The obligated parent shall pay the lesser support amount calculated in
17 accordance with:

- 18 1. Paragraph (a) of this subsection;
- 19 2. Paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
- 20 3. As determined under Section 1 of this Act~~[KRS 403.2121]~~ if the shared
21 parenting time credit is applicable.

22 (6) The minimum amount of child support shall be sixty dollars (\$60) per month,
23 except as provided in subsection (3) of Section 1 of this Act~~[KRS 403.2121(3)]~~.

24 (7) The court may use its judicial discretion in determining child support in
25 circumstances where combined adjusted parental gross income exceeds the
26 uppermost levels of the guideline table.

27 (8) The child support obligation in a split custody arrangement shall be calculated in

1 the following manner:

2 (a) Two (2) separate child support obligation worksheets shall be prepared, one
3 (1) for each household, using the number of children born of the relationship
4 in each separate household, rather than the total number of children born of
5 the relationship.

6 (b) The parent with the greater monthly obligation amount shall pay the
7 difference between the obligation amounts, as determined by the worksheets,
8 to the other parent.

9 (9) The child support guidelines table is as follows:

10	COMBINED						
11	MONTHLY						
12	ADJUSTED						
13	PARENTAL						
14	GROSS						SIX
15	INCOME	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	OR
16		CHILD	CHILDREN				MORE
17	\$ 0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
18	100	60	60	60	60	60	60
19	200	60	60	60	60	60	60
20	300	60	60	60	60	60	60
21	400	60	60	60	60	60	60
22	500	60	60	60	60	60	60
23	600	60	60	60	60	60	60
24	700	60	60	60	60	60	60
25	800	60	60	60	60	60	60
26	900	60	60	60	60	60	60
27	1,000	85	85	85	85	85	85

1	1,100	148	150	152	154	155	157
2	1,200	200	231	234	237	239	242
3	1,300	216	312	316	320	323	327
4	1,400	231	339	398	403	407	412
5	1,500	247	362	437	486	491	497
6	1,600	262	384	464	518	570	582
7	1,700	277	406	491	548	603	655
8	1,800	292	428	517	578	635	691
9	1,900	307	450	544	607	668	726
10	2,000	322	472	570	637	701	762
11	2,100	337	494	597	667	734	797
12	2,200	352	516	624	697	766	833
13	2,300	367	538	650	726	799	869
14	2,400	382	560	677	756	832	904
15	2,500	397	582	704	786	865	940
16	2,600	412	604	730	816	897	975
17	2,700	427	626	757	845	930	1,011
18	2,800	442	648	783	875	963	1,046
19	2,900	457	670	810	905	995	1,082
20	3,000	472	692	837	935	1,028	1,118
21	3,100	487	714	863	964	1,061	1,153
22	3,200	502	737	890	994	1,094	1,189
23	3,300	517	759	917	1,024	1,126	1,224
24	3,400	532	781	943	1,054	1,159	1,260
25	3,500	547	803	970	1,083	1,192	1,295
26	3,600	562	825	997	1,113	1,224	1,331
27	3,700	577	847	1,023	1,143	1,257	1,367

1	3,800	592	869	1,050	1,173	1,290	1,402
2	3,900	607	891	1,076	1,202	1,323	1,438
3	4,000	621	912	1,102	1,230	1,353	1,471
4	4,100	634	931	1,125	1,256	1,382	1,502
5	4,200	647	950	1,148	1,282	1,410	1,533
6	4,300	660	969	1,171	1,308	1,439	1,564
7	4,400	673	988	1,194	1,334	1,467	1,595
8	4,500	686	1,007	1,217	1,359	1,495	1,625
9	4,600	699	1,026	1,240	1,385	1,524	1,656
10	4,700	712	1,045	1,263	1,411	1,552	1,687
11	4,800	725	1,064	1,286	1,437	1,580	1,718
12	4,900	738	1,084	1,309	1,463	1,609	1,749
13	5,000	751	1,103	1,332	1,488	1,637	1,780
14	5,100	764	1,122	1,356	1,514	1,666	1,810
15	5,200	777	1,141	1,379	1,540	1,694	1,841
16	5,300	790	1,160	1,402	1,566	1,722	1,872
17	5,400	799	1,172	1,415	1,581	1,739	1,890
18	5,500	805	1,177	1,419	1,585	1,744	1,896
19	5,600	810	1,181	1,423	1,590	1,749	1,901
20	5,700	815	1,186	1,427	1,594	1,753	1,906
21	5,800	820	1,191	1,431	1,598	1,758	1,911
22	5,900	825	1,195	1,435	1,603	1,763	1,916
23	6,000	831	1,200	1,439	1,607	1,768	1,922
24	6,100	837	1,208	1,449	1,618	1,780	1,935
25	6,200	844	1,217	1,459	1,629	1,792	1,948
26	6,300	851	1,226	1,469	1,641	1,805	1,962
27	6,400	858	1,234	1,479	1,652	1,817	1,975

1	6,500	865	1,243	1,489	1,663	1,829	1,988
2	6,600	871	1,251	1,499	1,674	1,841	2,002
3	6,700	881	1,263	1,513	1,690	1,859	2,021
4	6,800	892	1,278	1,530	1,709	1,880	2,044
5	6,900	903	1,292	1,548	1,729	1,902	2,067
6	7,000	914	1,306	1,565	1,748	1,923	2,090
7	7,100	925	1,320	1,582	1,767	1,944	2,113
8	7,200	935	1,335	1,600	1,787	1,965	2,136
9	7,300	946	1,348	1,616	1,805	1,986	2,159
10	7,400	954	1,360	1,630	1,820	2,003	2,177
11	7,500	962	1,372	1,643	1,836	2,019	2,195
12	7,600	969	1,384	1,657	1,851	2,036	2,213
13	7,700	977	1,396	1,670	1,866	2,052	2,231
14	7,800	984	1,407	1,683	1,880	2,068	2,248
15	7,900	991	1,419	1,696	1,895	2,084	2,266
16	8,000	996	1,426	1,704	1,903	2,094	2,276
17	8,100	1,000	1,429	1,709	1,908	2,099	2,282
18	8,200	1,004	1,433	1,713	1,914	2,105	2,288
19	8,300	1,008	1,437	1,718	1,919	2,110	2,294
20	8,400	1,012	1,441	1,722	1,924	2,116	2,300
21	8,500	1,016	1,444	1,727	1,929	2,122	2,306
22	8,600	1,020	1,448	1,731	1,934	2,127	2,312
23	8,700	1,026	1,456	1,740	1,944	2,138	2,324
24	8,800	1,033	1,464	1,749	1,953	2,149	2,336
25	8,900	1,039	1,472	1,758	1,963	2,160	2,347
26	9,000	1,046	1,480	1,766	1,973	2,170	2,359
27	9,100	1,052	1,488	1,775	1,983	2,181	2,371

1	9,200	1,059	1,496	1,784	1,993	2,192	2,382
2	9,300	1,065	1,502	1,792	2,002	2,202	2,393
3	9,400	1,070	1,507	1,799	2,010	2,211	2,403
4	9,500	1,075	1,511	1,807	2,018	2,220	2,413
5	9,600	1,080	1,516	1,814	2,026	2,229	2,423
6	9,700	1,085	1,520	1,822	2,035	2,238	2,433
7	9,800	1,090	1,524	1,829	2,043	2,247	2,443
8	9,900	1,094	1,529	1,836	2,051	2,256	2,453
9	10,000	1,099	1,533	1,844	2,059	2,265	2,463
10	10,100	1,104	1,538	1,851	2,068	2,275	2,472
11	10,200	1,109	1,542	1,859	2,076	2,284	2,482
12	10,300	1,115	1,549	1,867	2,086	2,294	2,494
13	10,400	1,123	1,560	1,878	2,098	2,308	2,509
14	10,500	1,130	1,571	1,889	2,110	2,321	2,523
15	10,600	1,137	1,582	1,900	2,123	2,335	2,538
16	10,700	1,145	1,593	1,911	2,135	2,349	2,553
17	10,800	1,152	1,604	1,922	2,147	2,362	2,568
18	10,900	1,159	1,615	1,933	2,160	2,376	2,582
19	11,000	1,167	1,626	1,944	2,172	2,389	2,597
20	11,100	1,174	1,637	1,956	2,185	2,403	2,612
21	11,200	1,182	1,649	1,968	2,198	2,418	2,628
22	11,300	1,191	1,661	1,980	2,212	2,433	2,644
23	11,400	1,199	1,673	1,992	2,225	2,448	2,660
24	11,500	1,207	1,685	2,004	2,239	2,462	2,677
25	11,600	1,215	1,695	2,016	2,252	2,477	2,693
26	11,700	1,222	1,705	2,029	2,266	2,493	2,710
27	11,800	1,229	1,714	2,041	2,280	2,508	2,726

1	11,900	1,237	1,723	2,054	2,294	2,523	2,743
2	12,000	1,244	1,732	2,066	2,308	2,539	2,759
3	12,100	1,252	1,742	2,078	2,322	2,554	2,776
4	12,200	1,259	1,751	2,091	2,336	2,569	2,793
5	12,300	1,267	1,760	2,103	2,349	2,584	2,809
6	12,400	1,274	1,769	2,116	2,363	2,600	2,826
7	12,500	1,282	1,778	2,128	2,377	2,615	2,842
8	12,600	1,289	1,788	2,141	2,391	2,630	2,859
9	12,700	1,296	1,797	2,153	2,405	2,645	2,876
10	12,800	1,304	1,806	2,165	2,419	2,661	2,892
11	12,900	1,311	1,815	2,178	2,433	2,676	2,909
12	13,000	1,319	1,825	2,190	2,447	2,691	2,925
13	13,100	1,326	1,834	2,203	2,461	2,707	2,942
14	13,200	1,334	1,843	2,215	2,474	2,722	2,959
15	13,300	1,341	1,852	2,228	2,488	2,737	2,975
16	13,400	1,348	1,861	2,238	2,500	2,750	2,990
17	13,500	1,353	1,868	2,247	2,510	2,761	3,001
18	13,600	1,359	1,875	2,255	2,519	2,771	3,012
19	13,700	1,364	1,882	2,264	2,529	2,781	3,023
20	13,800	1,370	1,889	2,272	2,538	2,792	3,035
21	13,900	1,375	1,896	2,281	2,547	2,802	3,046
22	14,000	1,381	1,903	2,289	2,557	2,812	3,057
23	14,100	1,386	1,910	2,297	2,566	2,822	3,068
24	14,200	1,391	1,916	2,304	2,574	2,831	3,078
25	14,300	1,396	1,922	2,312	2,582	2,841	3,088
26	14,400	1,401	1,929	2,319	2,591	2,850	3,098
27	14,500	1,406	1,935	2,327	2,599	2,859	3,108

1	14,600	1,410	1,941	2,334	2,607	2,868	3,118
2	14,700	1,415	1,947	2,342	2,616	2,877	3,128
3	14,800	1,420	1,954	2,349	2,624	2,886	3,138
4	14,900	1,425	1,960	2,357	2,632	2,896	3,147
5	15,000	1,430	1,966	2,364	2,641	2,905	3,157
6	15,100	1,435	1,972	2,371	2,649	2,914	3,167
7	15,200	1,440	1,978	2,379	2,657	2,923	3,177
8	15,300	1,444	1,985	2,386	2,666	2,932	3,187
9	15,400	1,449	1,991	2,394	2,674	2,941	3,197
10	15,500	1,454	1,997	2,401	2,682	2,950	3,207
11	15,600	1,459	2,003	2,409	2,691	2,960	3,217
12	15,700	1,464	2,010	2,416	2,699	2,969	3,227
13	15,800	1,469	2,016	2,424	2,707	2,978	3,237
14	15,900	1,474	2,022	2,431	2,715	2,987	3,247
15	16,000	1,478	2,028	2,439	2,724	2,996	3,257
16	16,100	1,484	2,035	2,445	2,732	3,005	3,266
17	16,200	1,490	2,041	2,452	2,739	3,013	3,275
18	16,300	1,495	2,047	2,459	2,747	3,022	3,285
19	16,400	1,501	2,053	2,466	2,755	3,030	3,294
20	16,500	1,506	2,059	2,473	2,763	3,039	3,303
21	16,600	1,512	2,065	2,480	2,770	3,047	3,313
22	16,700	1,518	2,071	2,487	2,778	3,056	3,322
23	16,800	1,523	2,077	2,494	2,786	3,065	3,331
24	16,900	1,529	2,083	2,501	2,794	3,073	3,340
25	17,000	1,534	2,089	2,508	2,801	3,082	3,350
26	17,100	1,540	2,095	2,515	2,809	3,090	3,359
27	17,200	1,545	2,102	2,522	2,817	3,099	3,368

1	17,300	1,551	2,108	2,529	2,825	3,107	3,378
2	17,400	1,557	2,114	2,536	2,832	3,116	3,387
3	17,500	1,562	2,120	2,543	2,840	3,124	3,396
4	17,600	1,568	2,126	2,550	2,848	3,133	3,405
5	17,700	1,573	2,132	2,557	2,856	3,141	3,415
6	17,800	1,579	2,138	2,563	2,863	3,149	3,423
7	17,900	1,584	2,144	2,570	2,870	3,157	3,432
8	18,000	1,589	2,149	2,576	2,878	3,166	3,441
9	18,100	1,595	2,155	2,583	2,885	3,174	3,450
10	18,200	1,600	2,161	2,590	2,893	3,182	3,459
11	18,300	1,605	2,167	2,596	2,900	3,190	3,467
12	18,400	1,611	2,173	2,603	2,907	3,198	3,476
13	18,500	1,616	2,178	2,609	2,915	3,206	3,485
14	18,600	1,621	2,184	2,616	2,922	3,214	3,494
15	18,700	1,627	2,190	2,623	2,929	3,222	3,503
16	18,800	1,632	2,196	2,629	2,937	3,231	3,512
17	18,900	1,637	2,202	2,636	2,944	3,239	3,520
18	19,000	1,642	2,207	2,642	2,952	3,247	3,529
19	19,100	1,648	2,213	2,649	2,959	3,255	3,538
20	19,200	1,653	2,219	2,656	2,966	3,263	3,547
21	19,300	1,658	2,225	2,662	2,974	3,271	3,556
22	19,400	1,664	2,231	2,669	2,981	3,279	3,565
23	19,500	1,669	2,236	2,675	2,989	3,287	3,573
24	19,600	1,674	2,242	2,682	2,996	3,295	3,582
25	19,700	1,680	2,248	2,689	3,003	3,304	3,591
26	19,800	1,685	2,254	2,695	3,011	3,312	3,600
27	19,900	1,690	2,260	2,702	3,018	3,320	3,609

1	20,000	1,696	2,265	2,709	3,025	3,328	3,617
2	20,100	1,701	2,271	2,715	3,033	3,336	3,626
3	20,200	1,706	2,277	2,722	3,040	3,344	3,635
4	20,300	1,710	2,282	2,728	3,047	3,352	3,643
5	20,400	1,713	2,287	2,733	3,053	3,358	3,651
6	20,500	1,717	2,292	2,739	3,059	3,365	3,658
7	20,600	1,720	2,297	2,745	3,066	3,372	3,666
8	20,700	1,723	2,302	2,750	3,072	3,379	3,673
9	20,800	1,726	2,307	2,756	3,078	3,386	3,681
10	20,900	1,730	2,313	2,761	3,084	3,393	3,688
11	21,000	1,733	2,318	2,767	3,091	3,400	3,695
12	21,100	1,736	2,323	2,773	3,097	3,407	3,703
13	21,200	1,739	2,328	2,778	3,103	3,413	3,710
14	21,300	1,743	2,333	2,784	3,109	3,420	3,718
15	21,400	1,746	2,338	2,789	3,116	3,427	3,725
16	21,500	1,749	2,343	2,795	3,122	3,434	3,733
17	21,600	1,752	2,348	2,801	3,128	3,441	3,740
18	21,700	1,756	2,353	2,806	3,134	3,448	3,748
19	21,800	1,759	2,358	2,812	3,141	3,455	3,755
20	21,900	1,762	2,363	2,817	3,147	3,462	3,763
21	22,000	1,765	2,368	2,823	3,153	3,469	3,770
22	22,100	1,769	2,373	2,829	3,160	3,475	3,778
23	22,200	1,772	2,378	2,834	3,166	3,482	3,785
24	22,300	1,775	2,383	2,840	3,172	3,489	3,793
25	22,400	1,778	2,388	2,845	3,178	3,496	3,800
26	22,500	1,782	2,393	2,851	3,185	3,503	3,808
27	22,600	1,785	2,398	2,857	3,191	3,510	3,815

1	22,700	1,788	2,403	2,862	3,197	3,517	3,823
2	22,800	1,791	2,408	2,868	3,203	3,524	3,830
3	22,900	1,795	2,413	2,873	3,210	3,531	3,838
4	23,000	1,798	2,418	2,879	3,216	3,537	3,845
5	23,100	1,801	2,423	2,885	3,222	3,544	3,853
6	23,200	1,804	2,429	2,890	3,228	3,551	3,860
7	23,300	1,808	2,434	2,896	3,235	3,558	3,868
8	23,400	1,811	2,439	2,901	3,241	3,565	3,875
9	23,500	1,814	2,444	2,907	3,247	3,572	3,883
10	23,600	1,817	2,449	2,913	3,253	3,579	3,890
11	23,700	1,821	2,454	2,918	3,260	3,586	3,898
12	23,800	1,824	2,459	2,924	3,266	3,593	3,905
13	23,900	1,827	2,464	2,929	3,272	3,599	3,913
14	24,000	1,830	2,469	2,935	3,278	3,606	3,920
15	24,100	1,834	2,474	2,941	3,285	3,613	3,928
16	24,200	1,837	2,479	2,946	3,291	3,620	3,935
17	24,300	1,840	2,484	2,952	3,297	3,627	3,943
18	24,400	1,843	2,489	2,957	3,304	3,634	3,950
19	24,500	1,847	2,494	2,963	3,310	3,641	3,957
20	24,600	1,850	2,499	2,969	3,316	3,648	3,965
21	24,700	1,853	2,504	2,974	3,322	3,655	3,972
22	24,800	1,856	2,509	2,980	3,329	3,661	3,980
23	24,900	1,860	2,514	2,986	3,335	3,668	3,987
24	25,000	1,863	2,519	2,991	3,341	3,675	3,995
25	25,100	1,866	2,524	2,997	3,347	3,682	4,002
26	25,200	1,869	2,529	3,002	3,354	3,689	4,010
27	25,300	1,873	2,534	3,008	3,360	3,696	4,017

1	25,400	1,876	2,540	3,014	3,366	3,703	4,025
2	25,500	1,879	2,545	3,019	3,372	3,710	4,032
3	25,600	1,882	2,550	3,025	3,379	3,716	4,040
4	25,700	1,886	2,555	3,030	3,385	3,723	4,047
5	25,800	1,889	2,560	3,036	3,391	3,730	4,055
6	25,900	1,892	2,565	3,042	3,397	3,737	4,062
7	26,000	1,895	2,570	3,047	3,404	3,744	4,070
8	26,100	1,899	2,575	3,053	3,410	3,751	4,077
9	26,200	1,902	2,580	3,058	3,416	3,758	4,085
10	26,300	1,905	2,585	3,064	3,422	3,765	4,092
11	26,400	1,908	2,590	3,070	3,429	3,772	4,100
12	26,500	1,912	2,595	3,075	3,435	3,778	4,107
13	26,600	1,915	2,600	3,081	3,441	3,785	4,115
14	26,700	1,918	2,605	3,086	3,447	3,792	4,122
15	26,800	1,921	2,610	3,092	3,454	3,799	4,130
16	26,900	1,925	2,615	3,098	3,460	3,806	4,137
17	27,000	1,928	2,620	3,103	3,466	3,813	4,145
18	27,100	1,931	2,625	3,109	3,473	3,820	4,152
19	27,200	1,934	2,630	3,114	3,479	3,827	4,160
20	27,300	1,938	2,635	3,120	3,485	3,834	4,167
21	27,400	1,941	2,640	3,126	3,491	3,840	4,175
22	27,500	1,944	2,645	3,131	3,498	3,847	4,182
23	27,600	1,948	2,650	3,137	3,504	3,854	4,190
24	27,700	1,951	2,656	3,142	3,510	3,861	4,197
25	27,800	1,954	2,661	3,148	3,516	3,868	4,205
26	27,900	1,957	2,666	3,154	3,523	3,875	4,212
27	28,000	1,961	2,671	3,159	3,529	3,882	4,219

1	28,100	1,964	2,676	3,165	3,535	3,889	4,227
2	28,200	1,967	2,681	3,170	3,541	3,896	4,234
3	28,300	1,970	2,686	3,176	3,548	3,902	4,242
4	28,400	1,972	2,689	3,179	3,551	3,907	4,247
5	28,500	1,974	2,691	3,182	3,555	3,911	4,251
6	28,600	1,976	2,694	3,185	3,558	3,914	4,255
7	28,700	1,978	2,696	3,188	3,561	3,918	4,259
8	28,800	1,980	2,699	3,191	3,565	3,922	4,263
9	28,900	1,982	2,701	3,194	3,568	3,926	4,268
10	29,000	1,984	2,704	3,197	3,571	3,930	4,272
11	29,100	1,986	2,707	3,200	3,575	3,934	4,276
12	29,200	1,988	2,709	3,203	3,578	3,938	4,280
13	29,300	1,990	2,712	3,206	3,581	3,941	4,284
14	29,400	1,992	2,714	3,209	3,584	3,945	4,289
15	29,500	1,993	2,717	3,212	3,588	3,949	4,293
16	29,600	1,995	2,719	3,215	3,591	3,953	4,297
17	29,700	1,997	2,722	3,218	3,594	3,957	4,301
18	29,800	1,999	2,724	3,221	3,598	3,961	4,305
19	29,900	2,001	2,727	3,224	3,601	3,965	4,310
20	30,000	2,003	2,730	3,227	3,604	3,968	4,314

21 ➔Section 6. KRS 403.212 (Effective July 1, 2025) is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The following provisions and child support table shall be the child support
23 guidelines established for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

24 (2) The Office of the Attorney General shall:

25 (a) Promulgate an administrative regulation in accordance with KRS Chapter
26 13A establishing a child support obligation worksheet; and

27 (b) Make accessible on its website a manual providing examples or illustrations

1 of the application of the child support guidelines and the child support
2 obligation worksheet.

3 (3) For the purposes of the child support guidelines:

4 (a) "Income" means actual gross income of the parent if employed to full capacity
5 or potential income if unemployed or underemployed;

6 (b) "Gross income" includes income from any source, except as excluded in this
7 subsection, and includes but is not limited to income from salaries, wages,
8 retirement and pension funds, commissions, bonuses, dividends, severance
9 pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, Social Security
10 benefits, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits,
11 disability insurance benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), gifts,
12 prizes, and alimony or maintenance received. Specifically excluded are
13 benefits received from means-tested public assistance programs, including but
14 not limited to public assistance as defined under Title IV-A of the Federal
15 Social Security Act, and food stamps;

16 (c) For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a
17 business, or joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation,
18 "gross income" means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses
19 required for self-employment or business operation. Straight-line
20 depreciation, using Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, shall be the
21 only allowable method of calculating depreciation expense in determining
22 gross income. Specifically excluded from ordinary and necessary expenses for
23 purposes of this guideline shall be investment tax credits or any other business
24 expenses inappropriate for determining gross income for purposes of
25 calculating child support. Income and expenses from self-employment or
26 operation of a business shall be carefully reviewed to determine an
27 appropriate level of gross income available to the parent to satisfy a child

1 support obligation. In most cases, this amount will differ from a determination
2 of business income for tax purposes. Expense reimbursement or in-kind
3 payments received by a parent in the course of employment, self-employment,
4 or operation of a business or personal use of business property or payments of
5 expenses by a business, shall be counted as income if they are significant and
6 reduce personal living expenses such as a company or business car, free
7 housing, reimbursed meals, or club dues;

8 (d) "Self-support reserve" means a low-income adjustment amount to the
9 obligated parent of nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$915) per month that
10 considers the subsistence needs of the obligor with a limited ability to pay in
11 accordance with 45 C.F.R. sec. 302.56(c)(1)(ii), and as applied under
12 subsection (5) of this section;

13 (e) 1. If there is a finding that a parent is voluntarily unemployed or
14 underemployed, child support shall be calculated based on a
15 determination of potential income, except that a finding of voluntary
16 unemployment or underemployment and a determination of potential
17 income shall not be made for a parent who is incarcerated, physically or
18 mentally incapacitated, or is caring for a very young child, age three (3)
19 or younger, for whom the parents owe a joint legal responsibility;

20 2. A court may find a parent is voluntarily unemployed or underemployed
21 without finding that the parent intended to avoid or reduce the child
22 support obligation; and

23 3. Imputation of potential income, when applicable, shall include
24 consideration of the following circumstances of the parents, to the extent
25 known:

26 a. Assets and residence;

27 b. Employment, earning history, and job skills;

- 1 c. Educational level, literacy, age, health, and criminal record that
2 could impair the ability to gain or continue employment;
- 3 d. Record of seeking work;
- 4 e. Local labor market, including availability of employment for
5 which the parent may be qualified and employable;
- 6 f. Prevailing earnings in the local labor market; and
- 7 g. Other relevant background factors, including employment barriers;
- 8 (f) "Obligor" has the same meaning as in KRS 15.800;
- 9 (g) "Imputed child support obligation" means the amount of child support the
10 parent would be required to pay from application of the child support
11 guidelines;
- 12 (h) Income statements of the parents shall be verified by documentation of both
13 current and past income. Suitable documentation shall include, but shall not
14 be limited to, income tax returns, paystubs, employer statements, or receipts
15 and expenses if self-employed;
- 16 (i) "Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income" means the combined
17 monthly gross incomes of both parents, less any of the following payments
18 made by the parent:
- 19 1. The amount of pre-existing orders for current maintenance for prior
20 spouses to the extent payment is actually made and the amount of
21 current maintenance, if any, ordered paid in the proceeding before the
22 court;
- 23 2. The amount of pre-existing orders of current child support for prior-born
24 children to the extent payment is actually made under those orders; and
- 25 3. A deduction for the support to the extent payment is made, if a parent is
26 legally responsible for and is actually providing support for other prior-
27 born children who are not the subject of a particular proceeding. If the

1 prior-born children reside with that parent, an "imputed child support
2 obligation" shall be allowed in the amount which would result from
3 application of the guidelines for the support of the prior-born children;
4 and

5 (j) "Split custody arrangement" means a situation where each parent has sole
6 custody and decision-making authority while the child or children is in his or
7 her residence. Visitation only occurs when the child is in residence with the
8 other parent.

9 (4) Any child support obligation shall be calculated by using the number of children for
10 whom the parents share a joint legal responsibility.

11 (5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the child support
12 obligation set forth in the child support guidelines table shall be divided
13 between the parents in proportion to their combined monthly adjusted parental
14 gross income.

15 (b) The child support obligation of an obligated parent whose monthly adjusted
16 gross income is equal to or less than the amounts in subparagraphs 1. to 5. of
17 this paragraph shall be calculated using the monthly adjusted gross income of
18 the obligated parent alone to provide for the self-support reserve. The
19 following monthly adjusted gross income amounts shall qualify an individual
20 for the self-support reserve:

- 21 1. One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) with one (1) child;
- 22 2. One thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) with two (2) children;
- 23 3. One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) with three (3) children;
- 24 4. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) with four (4) or five (5)
25 children; or
- 26 5. One thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) with six (6) or more children.

27 (c) The obligated parent shall pay the lesser support amount calculated in

1 accordance with:

- 2 1. Paragraph (a) of this subsection;
- 3 2. Paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
- 4 3. As determined under Section 1 of this Act~~[KRS 403.2121]~~ if the shared
- 5 parenting time credit is applicable.

6 (6) The minimum amount of child support shall be sixty dollars (\$60) per month,
7 except as provided in subsection (3) of Section 1 of this Act~~[KRS 403.2121(3)]~~.

8 (7) The court may use its judicial discretion in determining child support in
9 circumstances where combined adjusted parental gross income exceeds the
10 uppermost levels of the guideline table.

11 (8) The child support obligation in a split custody arrangement shall be calculated in
12 the following manner:

13 (a) Two (2) separate child support obligation worksheets shall be prepared, one
14 (1) for each household, using the number of children born of the relationship
15 in each separate household, rather than the total number of children born of
16 the relationship.

17 (b) The parent with the greater monthly obligation amount shall pay the
18 difference between the obligation amounts, as determined by the worksheets,
19 to the other parent.

20 (9) The child support guidelines table is as follows:

21	COMBINED							
22	MONTHLY							
23	ADJUSTED							
24	PARENTAL							
25	GROSS						SIX	
26	INCOME	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	OR	
27		CHILD	CHILDREN				MORE	

1	\$ 0	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
2	100	60	60	60	60	60	60
3	200	60	60	60	60	60	60
4	300	60	60	60	60	60	60
5	400	60	60	60	60	60	60
6	500	60	60	60	60	60	60
7	600	60	60	60	60	60	60
8	700	60	60	60	60	60	60
9	800	60	60	60	60	60	60
10	900	60	60	60	60	60	60
11	1,000	85	85	85	85	85	85
12	1,100	148	150	152	154	155	157
13	1,200	200	231	234	237	239	242
14	1,300	216	312	316	320	323	327
15	1,400	231	339	398	403	407	412
16	1,500	247	362	437	486	491	497
17	1,600	262	384	464	518	570	582
18	1,700	277	406	491	548	603	655
19	1,800	292	428	517	578	635	691
20	1,900	307	450	544	607	668	726
21	2,000	322	472	570	637	701	762
22	2,100	337	494	597	667	734	797
23	2,200	352	516	624	697	766	833
24	2,300	367	538	650	726	799	869
25	2,400	382	560	677	756	832	904
26	2,500	397	582	704	786	865	940
27	2,600	412	604	730	816	897	975

1	2,700	427	626	757	845	930	1,011
2	2,800	442	648	783	875	963	1,046
3	2,900	457	670	810	905	995	1,082
4	3,000	472	692	837	935	1,028	1,118
5	3,100	487	714	863	964	1,061	1,153
6	3,200	502	737	890	994	1,094	1,189
7	3,300	517	759	917	1,024	1,126	1,224
8	3,400	532	781	943	1,054	1,159	1,260
9	3,500	547	803	970	1,083	1,192	1,295
10	3,600	562	825	997	1,113	1,224	1,331
11	3,700	577	847	1,023	1,143	1,257	1,367
12	3,800	592	869	1,050	1,173	1,290	1,402
13	3,900	607	891	1,076	1,202	1,323	1,438
14	4,000	621	912	1,102	1,230	1,353	1,471
15	4,100	634	931	1,125	1,256	1,382	1,502
16	4,200	647	950	1,148	1,282	1,410	1,533
17	4,300	660	969	1,171	1,308	1,439	1,564
18	4,400	673	988	1,194	1,334	1,467	1,595
19	4,500	686	1,007	1,217	1,359	1,495	1,625
20	4,600	699	1,026	1,240	1,385	1,524	1,656
21	4,700	712	1,045	1,263	1,411	1,552	1,687
22	4,800	725	1,064	1,286	1,437	1,580	1,718
23	4,900	738	1,084	1,309	1,463	1,609	1,749
24	5,000	751	1,103	1,332	1,488	1,637	1,780
25	5,100	764	1,122	1,356	1,514	1,666	1,810
26	5,200	777	1,141	1,379	1,540	1,694	1,841
27	5,300	790	1,160	1,402	1,566	1,722	1,872

1	5,400	799	1,172	1,415	1,581	1,739	1,890
2	5,500	805	1,177	1,419	1,585	1,744	1,896
3	5,600	810	1,181	1,423	1,590	1,749	1,901
4	5,700	815	1,186	1,427	1,594	1,753	1,906
5	5,800	820	1,191	1,431	1,598	1,758	1,911
6	5,900	825	1,195	1,435	1,603	1,763	1,916
7	6,000	831	1,200	1,439	1,607	1,768	1,922
8	6,100	837	1,208	1,449	1,618	1,780	1,935
9	6,200	844	1,217	1,459	1,629	1,792	1,948
10	6,300	851	1,226	1,469	1,641	1,805	1,962
11	6,400	858	1,234	1,479	1,652	1,817	1,975
12	6,500	865	1,243	1,489	1,663	1,829	1,988
13	6,600	871	1,251	1,499	1,674	1,841	2,002
14	6,700	881	1,263	1,513	1,690	1,859	2,021
15	6,800	892	1,278	1,530	1,709	1,880	2,044
16	6,900	903	1,292	1,548	1,729	1,902	2,067
17	7,000	914	1,306	1,565	1,748	1,923	2,090
18	7,100	925	1,320	1,582	1,767	1,944	2,113
19	7,200	935	1,335	1,600	1,787	1,965	2,136
20	7,300	946	1,348	1,616	1,805	1,986	2,159
21	7,400	954	1,360	1,630	1,820	2,003	2,177
22	7,500	962	1,372	1,643	1,836	2,019	2,195
23	7,600	969	1,384	1,657	1,851	2,036	2,213
24	7,700	977	1,396	1,670	1,866	2,052	2,231
25	7,800	984	1,407	1,683	1,880	2,068	2,248
26	7,900	991	1,419	1,696	1,895	2,084	2,266
27	8,000	996	1,426	1,704	1,903	2,094	2,276

1	8,100	1,000	1,429	1,709	1,908	2,099	2,282
2	8,200	1,004	1,433	1,713	1,914	2,105	2,288
3	8,300	1,008	1,437	1,718	1,919	2,110	2,294
4	8,400	1,012	1,441	1,722	1,924	2,116	2,300
5	8,500	1,016	1,444	1,727	1,929	2,122	2,306
6	8,600	1,020	1,448	1,731	1,934	2,127	2,312
7	8,700	1,026	1,456	1,740	1,944	2,138	2,324
8	8,800	1,033	1,464	1,749	1,953	2,149	2,336
9	8,900	1,039	1,472	1,758	1,963	2,160	2,347
10	9,000	1,046	1,480	1,766	1,973	2,170	2,359
11	9,100	1,052	1,488	1,775	1,983	2,181	2,371
12	9,200	1,059	1,496	1,784	1,993	2,192	2,382
13	9,300	1,065	1,502	1,792	2,002	2,202	2,393
14	9,400	1,070	1,507	1,799	2,010	2,211	2,403
15	9,500	1,075	1,511	1,807	2,018	2,220	2,413
16	9,600	1,080	1,516	1,814	2,026	2,229	2,423
17	9,700	1,085	1,520	1,822	2,035	2,238	2,433
18	9,800	1,090	1,524	1,829	2,043	2,247	2,443
19	9,900	1,094	1,529	1,836	2,051	2,256	2,453
20	10,000	1,099	1,533	1,844	2,059	2,265	2,463
21	10,100	1,104	1,538	1,851	2,068	2,275	2,472
22	10,200	1,109	1,542	1,859	2,076	2,284	2,482
23	10,300	1,115	1,549	1,867	2,086	2,294	2,494
24	10,400	1,123	1,560	1,878	2,098	2,308	2,509
25	10,500	1,130	1,571	1,889	2,110	2,321	2,523
26	10,600	1,137	1,582	1,900	2,123	2,335	2,538
27	10,700	1,145	1,593	1,911	2,135	2,349	2,553

1	10,800	1,152	1,604	1,922	2,147	2,362	2,568
2	10,900	1,159	1,615	1,933	2,160	2,376	2,582
3	11,000	1,167	1,626	1,944	2,172	2,389	2,597
4	11,100	1,174	1,637	1,956	2,185	2,403	2,612
5	11,200	1,182	1,649	1,968	2,198	2,418	2,628
6	11,300	1,191	1,661	1,980	2,212	2,433	2,644
7	11,400	1,199	1,673	1,992	2,225	2,448	2,660
8	11,500	1,207	1,685	2,004	2,239	2,462	2,677
9	11,600	1,215	1,695	2,016	2,252	2,477	2,693
10	11,700	1,222	1,705	2,029	2,266	2,493	2,710
11	11,800	1,229	1,714	2,041	2,280	2,508	2,726
12	11,900	1,237	1,723	2,054	2,294	2,523	2,743
13	12,000	1,244	1,732	2,066	2,308	2,539	2,759
14	12,100	1,252	1,742	2,078	2,322	2,554	2,776
15	12,200	1,259	1,751	2,091	2,336	2,569	2,793
16	12,300	1,267	1,760	2,103	2,349	2,584	2,809
17	12,400	1,274	1,769	2,116	2,363	2,600	2,826
18	12,500	1,282	1,778	2,128	2,377	2,615	2,842
19	12,600	1,289	1,788	2,141	2,391	2,630	2,859
20	12,700	1,296	1,797	2,153	2,405	2,645	2,876
21	12,800	1,304	1,806	2,165	2,419	2,661	2,892
22	12,900	1,311	1,815	2,178	2,433	2,676	2,909
23	13,000	1,319	1,825	2,190	2,447	2,691	2,925
24	13,100	1,326	1,834	2,203	2,461	2,707	2,942
25	13,200	1,334	1,843	2,215	2,474	2,722	2,959
26	13,300	1,341	1,852	2,228	2,488	2,737	2,975
27	13,400	1,348	1,861	2,238	2,500	2,750	2,990

1	13,500	1,353	1,868	2,247	2,510	2,761	3,001
2	13,600	1,359	1,875	2,255	2,519	2,771	3,012
3	13,700	1,364	1,882	2,264	2,529	2,781	3,023
4	13,800	1,370	1,889	2,272	2,538	2,792	3,035
5	13,900	1,375	1,896	2,281	2,547	2,802	3,046
6	14,000	1,381	1,903	2,289	2,557	2,812	3,057
7	14,100	1,386	1,910	2,297	2,566	2,822	3,068
8	14,200	1,391	1,916	2,304	2,574	2,831	3,078
9	14,300	1,396	1,922	2,312	2,582	2,841	3,088
10	14,400	1,401	1,929	2,319	2,591	2,850	3,098
11	14,500	1,406	1,935	2,327	2,599	2,859	3,108
12	14,600	1,410	1,941	2,334	2,607	2,868	3,118
13	14,700	1,415	1,947	2,342	2,616	2,877	3,128
14	14,800	1,420	1,954	2,349	2,624	2,886	3,138
15	14,900	1,425	1,960	2,357	2,632	2,896	3,147
16	15,000	1,430	1,966	2,364	2,641	2,905	3,157
17	15,100	1,435	1,972	2,371	2,649	2,914	3,167
18	15,200	1,440	1,978	2,379	2,657	2,923	3,177
19	15,300	1,444	1,985	2,386	2,666	2,932	3,187
20	15,400	1,449	1,991	2,394	2,674	2,941	3,197
21	15,500	1,454	1,997	2,401	2,682	2,950	3,207
22	15,600	1,459	2,003	2,409	2,691	2,960	3,217
23	15,700	1,464	2,010	2,416	2,699	2,969	3,227
24	15,800	1,469	2,016	2,424	2,707	2,978	3,237
25	15,900	1,474	2,022	2,431	2,715	2,987	3,247
26	16,000	1,478	2,028	2,439	2,724	2,996	3,257
27	16,100	1,484	2,035	2,445	2,732	3,005	3,266

1	16,200	1,490	2,041	2,452	2,739	3,013	3,275
2	16,300	1,495	2,047	2,459	2,747	3,022	3,285
3	16,400	1,501	2,053	2,466	2,755	3,030	3,294
4	16,500	1,506	2,059	2,473	2,763	3,039	3,303
5	16,600	1,512	2,065	2,480	2,770	3,047	3,313
6	16,700	1,518	2,071	2,487	2,778	3,056	3,322
7	16,800	1,523	2,077	2,494	2,786	3,065	3,331
8	16,900	1,529	2,083	2,501	2,794	3,073	3,340
9	17,000	1,534	2,089	2,508	2,801	3,082	3,350
10	17,100	1,540	2,095	2,515	2,809	3,090	3,359
11	17,200	1,545	2,102	2,522	2,817	3,099	3,368
12	17,300	1,551	2,108	2,529	2,825	3,107	3,378
13	17,400	1,557	2,114	2,536	2,832	3,116	3,387
14	17,500	1,562	2,120	2,543	2,840	3,124	3,396
15	17,600	1,568	2,126	2,550	2,848	3,133	3,405
16	17,700	1,573	2,132	2,557	2,856	3,141	3,415
17	17,800	1,579	2,138	2,563	2,863	3,149	3,423
18	17,900	1,584	2,144	2,570	2,870	3,157	3,432
19	18,000	1,589	2,149	2,576	2,878	3,166	3,441
20	18,100	1,595	2,155	2,583	2,885	3,174	3,450
21	18,200	1,600	2,161	2,590	2,893	3,182	3,459
22	18,300	1,605	2,167	2,596	2,900	3,190	3,467
23	18,400	1,611	2,173	2,603	2,907	3,198	3,476
24	18,500	1,616	2,178	2,609	2,915	3,206	3,485
25	18,600	1,621	2,184	2,616	2,922	3,214	3,494
26	18,700	1,627	2,190	2,623	2,929	3,222	3,503
27	18,800	1,632	2,196	2,629	2,937	3,231	3,512

1	18,900	1,637	2,202	2,636	2,944	3,239	3,520
2	19,000	1,642	2,207	2,642	2,952	3,247	3,529
3	19,100	1,648	2,213	2,649	2,959	3,255	3,538
4	19,200	1,653	2,219	2,656	2,966	3,263	3,547
5	19,300	1,658	2,225	2,662	2,974	3,271	3,556
6	19,400	1,664	2,231	2,669	2,981	3,279	3,565
7	19,500	1,669	2,236	2,675	2,989	3,287	3,573
8	19,600	1,674	2,242	2,682	2,996	3,295	3,582
9	19,700	1,680	2,248	2,689	3,003	3,304	3,591
10	19,800	1,685	2,254	2,695	3,011	3,312	3,600
11	19,900	1,690	2,260	2,702	3,018	3,320	3,609
12	20,000	1,696	2,265	2,709	3,025	3,328	3,617
13	20,100	1,701	2,271	2,715	3,033	3,336	3,626
14	20,200	1,706	2,277	2,722	3,040	3,344	3,635
15	20,300	1,710	2,282	2,728	3,047	3,352	3,643
16	20,400	1,713	2,287	2,733	3,053	3,358	3,651
17	20,500	1,717	2,292	2,739	3,059	3,365	3,658
18	20,600	1,720	2,297	2,745	3,066	3,372	3,666
19	20,700	1,723	2,302	2,750	3,072	3,379	3,673
20	20,800	1,726	2,307	2,756	3,078	3,386	3,681
21	20,900	1,730	2,313	2,761	3,084	3,393	3,688
22	21,000	1,733	2,318	2,767	3,091	3,400	3,695
23	21,100	1,736	2,323	2,773	3,097	3,407	3,703
24	21,200	1,739	2,328	2,778	3,103	3,413	3,710
25	21,300	1,743	2,333	2,784	3,109	3,420	3,718
26	21,400	1,746	2,338	2,789	3,116	3,427	3,725
27	21,500	1,749	2,343	2,795	3,122	3,434	3,733

1	21,600	1,752	2,348	2,801	3,128	3,441	3,740
2	21,700	1,756	2,353	2,806	3,134	3,448	3,748
3	21,800	1,759	2,358	2,812	3,141	3,455	3,755
4	21,900	1,762	2,363	2,817	3,147	3,462	3,763
5	22,000	1,765	2,368	2,823	3,153	3,469	3,770
6	22,100	1,769	2,373	2,829	3,160	3,475	3,778
7	22,200	1,772	2,378	2,834	3,166	3,482	3,785
8	22,300	1,775	2,383	2,840	3,172	3,489	3,793
9	22,400	1,778	2,388	2,845	3,178	3,496	3,800
10	22,500	1,782	2,393	2,851	3,185	3,503	3,808
11	22,600	1,785	2,398	2,857	3,191	3,510	3,815
12	22,700	1,788	2,403	2,862	3,197	3,517	3,823
13	22,800	1,791	2,408	2,868	3,203	3,524	3,830
14	22,900	1,795	2,413	2,873	3,210	3,531	3,838
15	23,000	1,798	2,418	2,879	3,216	3,537	3,845
16	23,100	1,801	2,423	2,885	3,222	3,544	3,853
17	23,200	1,804	2,429	2,890	3,228	3,551	3,860
18	23,300	1,808	2,434	2,896	3,235	3,558	3,868
19	23,400	1,811	2,439	2,901	3,241	3,565	3,875
20	23,500	1,814	2,444	2,907	3,247	3,572	3,883
21	23,600	1,817	2,449	2,913	3,253	3,579	3,890
22	23,700	1,821	2,454	2,918	3,260	3,586	3,898
23	23,800	1,824	2,459	2,924	3,266	3,593	3,905
24	23,900	1,827	2,464	2,929	3,272	3,599	3,913
25	24,000	1,830	2,469	2,935	3,278	3,606	3,920
26	24,100	1,834	2,474	2,941	3,285	3,613	3,928
27	24,200	1,837	2,479	2,946	3,291	3,620	3,935

1	24,300	1,840	2,484	2,952	3,297	3,627	3,943
2	24,400	1,843	2,489	2,957	3,304	3,634	3,950
3	24,500	1,847	2,494	2,963	3,310	3,641	3,957
4	24,600	1,850	2,499	2,969	3,316	3,648	3,965
5	24,700	1,853	2,504	2,974	3,322	3,655	3,972
6	24,800	1,856	2,509	2,980	3,329	3,661	3,980
7	24,900	1,860	2,514	2,986	3,335	3,668	3,987
8	25,000	1,863	2,519	2,991	3,341	3,675	3,995
9	25,100	1,866	2,524	2,997	3,347	3,682	4,002
10	25,200	1,869	2,529	3,002	3,354	3,689	4,010
11	25,300	1,873	2,534	3,008	3,360	3,696	4,017
12	25,400	1,876	2,540	3,014	3,366	3,703	4,025
13	25,500	1,879	2,545	3,019	3,372	3,710	4,032
14	25,600	1,882	2,550	3,025	3,379	3,716	4,040
15	25,700	1,886	2,555	3,030	3,385	3,723	4,047
16	25,800	1,889	2,560	3,036	3,391	3,730	4,055
17	25,900	1,892	2,565	3,042	3,397	3,737	4,062
18	26,000	1,895	2,570	3,047	3,404	3,744	4,070
19	26,100	1,899	2,575	3,053	3,410	3,751	4,077
20	26,200	1,902	2,580	3,058	3,416	3,758	4,085
21	26,300	1,905	2,585	3,064	3,422	3,765	4,092
22	26,400	1,908	2,590	3,070	3,429	3,772	4,100
23	26,500	1,912	2,595	3,075	3,435	3,778	4,107
24	26,600	1,915	2,600	3,081	3,441	3,785	4,115
25	26,700	1,918	2,605	3,086	3,447	3,792	4,122
26	26,800	1,921	2,610	3,092	3,454	3,799	4,130
27	26,900	1,925	2,615	3,098	3,460	3,806	4,137

1	27,000	1,928	2,620	3,103	3,466	3,813	4,145
2	27,100	1,931	2,625	3,109	3,473	3,820	4,152
3	27,200	1,934	2,630	3,114	3,479	3,827	4,160
4	27,300	1,938	2,635	3,120	3,485	3,834	4,167
5	27,400	1,941	2,640	3,126	3,491	3,840	4,175
6	27,500	1,944	2,645	3,131	3,498	3,847	4,182
7	27,600	1,948	2,650	3,137	3,504	3,854	4,190
8	27,700	1,951	2,656	3,142	3,510	3,861	4,197
9	27,800	1,954	2,661	3,148	3,516	3,868	4,205
10	27,900	1,957	2,666	3,154	3,523	3,875	4,212
11	28,000	1,961	2,671	3,159	3,529	3,882	4,219
12	28,100	1,964	2,676	3,165	3,535	3,889	4,227
13	28,200	1,967	2,681	3,170	3,541	3,896	4,234
14	28,300	1,970	2,686	3,176	3,548	3,902	4,242
15	28,400	1,972	2,689	3,179	3,551	3,907	4,247
16	28,500	1,974	2,691	3,182	3,555	3,911	4,251
17	28,600	1,976	2,694	3,185	3,558	3,914	4,255
18	28,700	1,978	2,696	3,188	3,561	3,918	4,259
19	28,800	1,980	2,699	3,191	3,565	3,922	4,263
20	28,900	1,982	2,701	3,194	3,568	3,926	4,268
21	29,000	1,984	2,704	3,197	3,571	3,930	4,272
22	29,100	1,986	2,707	3,200	3,575	3,934	4,276
23	29,200	1,988	2,709	3,203	3,578	3,938	4,280
24	29,300	1,990	2,712	3,206	3,581	3,941	4,284
25	29,400	1,992	2,714	3,209	3,584	3,945	4,289
26	29,500	1,993	2,717	3,212	3,588	3,949	4,293
27	29,600	1,995	2,719	3,215	3,591	3,953	4,297

1	29,700	1,997	2,722	3,218	3,594	3,957	4,301
2	29,800	1,999	2,724	3,221	3,598	3,961	4,305
3	29,900	2,001	2,727	3,224	3,601	3,965	4,310
4	30,000	2,003	2,730	3,227	3,604	3,968	4,314

5 ➔Section 7. KRS 403.740 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Following a hearing ordered under KRS 403.730, if a court finds by a
7 preponderance of the evidence that domestic violence and abuse has occurred and
8 may again occur, the court may issue a domestic violence order:

9 (a) Restraining the adverse party from:

- 10 1. Committing further acts of domestic violence and abuse;
- 11 2. Any unauthorized contact or communication with the petitioner or other
12 person specified by the court;
- 13 3. Approaching the petitioner or other person specified by the court within
14 a distance specified in the order, not to exceed five hundred (500) feet;
- 15 4. Going to or within a specified distance of a specifically described
16 residence, school, or place of employment or area where such a place is
17 located; and
- 18 5. Disposing of or damaging any of the property of the parties;

19 (b) Authorizing, at the request of the petitioner:

- 20 1. Limited contact or communication between the parties that the court
21 finds necessary; or
- 22 2. The parties to remain in a common area, which may necessitate them
23 being closer than five hundred (500) feet under limited circumstances
24 with specific parameters set forth by the court.

25 Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to place any restriction or
26 restraint on the petitioner;

27 (c) Directing or prohibiting any other actions that the court believes will be of

- 1 assistance in eliminating future acts of domestic violence and abuse, except
2 that the court shall not order the petitioner to take any affirmative action;
- 3 (d) Directing that either or both of the parties receive counseling services
4 available in the community in domestic violence and abuse cases; and
- 5 (e) Additionally, if applicable:
- 6 1. Directing the adverse party to vacate a residence shared by the parties to
7 the action;
- 8 2. Utilizing the criteria set forth in KRS 403.270, 403.320, and 403.822,
9 grant temporary custody, subject to KRS 403.315;
- 10 3. Utilizing the criteria set forth in Section 1 of this Act and KRS 403.211,
11 403.212, ~~403.2121,~~ and 403.213, award temporary child support; and
- 12 4. Awarding possession of any shared domestic animal to the petitioner.
- 13 (2) In imposing a location restriction described in subsection (1)(a)4. of this section, the
14 court shall:
- 15 (a) Afford the petitioner and respondent, if present, an opportunity to testify on
16 the issue of the locations and areas from which the respondent should or
17 should not be excluded;
- 18 (b) Only impose a location restriction where there is a specific, demonstrable
19 danger to the petitioner or other person protected by the order;
- 20 (c) Specifically describe in the order the locations or areas prohibited to the
21 respondent; and
- 22 (d) Consider structuring a restriction so as to allow the respondent transit through
23 an area if the respondent does not interrupt his or her travel to harass, harm, or
24 attempt to harass or harm the petitioner.
- 25 (3) When temporary child support is granted under this section, the court shall enter an
26 order detailing how the child support is to be paid and collected. Child support
27 ordered under this section may be enforced utilizing the same procedures as any

1 other child support order.

2 (4) A domestic violence order shall be effective for a period of time fixed by the court,
3 not to exceed three (3) years, and may be reissued upon expiration for subsequent
4 periods of up to three (3) years each. The fact that an order has not been violated
5 since its issuance may be considered by a court in hearing a request for a reissuance
6 of the order.

7 ➔Section 8. KRS 405.430 (Effective until July 1, 2025) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 (1) When a parent presents himself to the cabinet for the voluntary establishment of
10 paternity and clear evidence of parentage is not present, the cabinet shall pay when
11 administratively ordered the cost of genetic testing to establish paternity, subject to
12 recoupment from the alleged father when paternity is established.

13 (2) The cabinet shall obtain additional testing in any case if an original test is contested,
14 upon request and advance payment by the contestant.

15 (3) In a contested paternity case, the child, the mother, and the putative father shall
16 submit to genetic testing upon a request of any of the parties, unless the person or
17 guardian of the person who is requested to submit to genetic testing shows good
18 cause, taking into account the best interests of the child, why the genetic tests
19 cannot be performed. The request shall be supported by a sworn statement of the
20 party, requesting that the test be performed, which shall include the information
21 required by 42 U.S.C. sec. 666(a)(5)(B)(i) or (ii).

22 (4) When a parent who fails to support a child is not obligated to provide child support
23 by court order, the cabinet may administratively establish a child support obligation
24 based upon a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity as set forth in KRS Chapter
25 406, the parent's minimum monthly child support obligation and proportionate
26 share of child care costs incurred due to employment or job search of either parent,
27 or incurred while receiving elementary or secondary education, or higher education

1 or vocational training which will lead to employment. The monthly child support
2 obligation shall be determined pursuant to the Kentucky child support guidelines set
3 forth in KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of this Act~~[403.2121]~~. The actual cost of child
4 care shall be reasonable and shall be allocated between the parents in the same
5 proportion as each parent's gross income, as determined under the guidelines, bears
6 to the total family gross income.

7 (5) The cabinet shall recognize a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity as a basis for
8 seeking a support order, irrespective of the alleged father's willingness to consent to
9 a support order.

10 (6) When in the best interest of the child, the cabinet may review and adjust a parent's
11 child support obligation or child care obligation as established by the cabinet, upon
12 a request of the cabinet when an assignment has been made, or upon either parent's
13 petition if the amount of the child support awarded under the order differs from the
14 amount that would be awarded in accordance with KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of
15 this Act~~[403.2121]~~. The cabinet shall notify parents at least once every three (3)
16 years of the right to a review.

17 (7) In establishing or modifying a parent's monthly child support obligation, the cabinet
18 may use automated methods to identify orders eligible for review, conduct the
19 review, identify orders eligible for adjustment, and apply the adjustment to eligible
20 orders in accordance with KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of this Act~~[403.2121]~~. The
21 cabinet shall utilize information, including financial records, about the parent and
22 child which it has good reason to believe is reliable and may require the parents to
23 provide income verification.

24 (8) In cases in which past-due support is owed for a child receiving public assistance
25 under Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act, the cabinet shall issue an
26 administrative order, or seek a judicial order, requiring the obligated parent to
27 participate in work activities, or educational or vocational training activities for at

1 least twenty (20) hours per week, unless the parent is incapacitated as defined by 42
2 U.S.C. sec. 607.

3 (9) The cabinet may disclose financial records only for the purpose of establishing,
4 modifying, or enforcing a child support obligation of an individual. A financial
5 institution shall not be liable to any individual for disclosing any financial record of
6 the individual to the cabinet attempting to establish, modify, or enforce a child
7 support obligation.

8 (10) The cabinet may issue both intrastate and interstate administrative subpoenas to any
9 individual or entity for financial or other information or documents which are
10 needed to establish, modify, or enforce a child support obligation pursuant to Title
11 IV-D of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. secs. 651 et seq. An administrative
12 subpoena lawfully issued in another state to an individual or entity residing in this
13 state shall be honored and enforced in the Circuit Court of the county in which the
14 individual or entity resides.

15 (11) In any case where a person or entity fails to respond to a subpoena within the
16 specified time frame, the cabinet shall impose a penalty.

17 (12) No person shall knowingly make, present, or cause to be made or presented to an
18 employee or officer of the cabinet any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement,
19 representation, or entry in any application, report, document, or financial record
20 used in determining child support or child care obligations.

21 (13) If a person knowingly or by reason of negligence discloses a financial record of an
22 individual, that individual may pursue civil action for damages in a federal District
23 Court or appropriate state court. No liability shall arise with respect to any
24 disclosure which results from a good faith, but erroneous, interpretation. In any
25 civil action brought for reason of negligence of disclosure of financial records, upon
26 finding of liability on the part of the defendant, the defendant shall be liable to the
27 plaintiff in an amount equal to:

- 1 (a) The sum of the greater of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each act of
2 unauthorized disclosure of financial records; or
- 3 (b) The sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff resulting from the
4 unauthorized disclosure; plus
- 5 (c) If willful disclosure or disclosure was a result of gross negligence, punitive
6 damages, plus the costs, including attorney fees, of the action.

7 (14) The cabinet shall issue an administrative order or seek a judicial order requiring a
8 parent with a delinquent child support obligation, as defined by administrative
9 regulation promulgated under KRS 15.055, to participate in the program described
10 in KRS 205.732 to help low-income, noncustodial parents find and keep
11 employment unless the parent is incapacitated as defined by 42 U.S.C. sec. 607.

12 ➔Section 9. KRS 405.430 (Effective July 1, 2025) is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) When a parent presents himself to the Office of the Attorney General for the
14 voluntary establishment of paternity and clear evidence of parentage is not present,
15 the office shall pay when administratively ordered the cost of genetic testing to
16 establish paternity, subject to recoupment from the alleged father when paternity is
17 established.

18 (2) The Office of the Attorney General shall obtain additional testing in any case if an
19 original test is contested, upon request and advance payment by the contestant.

20 (3) In a contested paternity case, the child, the mother, and the putative father shall
21 submit to genetic testing upon a request of any of the parties, unless the person or
22 guardian of the person who is requested to submit to genetic testing shows good
23 cause, taking into account the best interests of the child, why the genetic tests
24 cannot be performed. The request shall be supported by a sworn statement of the
25 party, requesting that the test be performed, which shall include the information
26 required by 42 U.S.C. sec. 666(a)(5)(B)(i) or (ii).

27 (4) When a parent who fails to support a child is not obligated to provide child support

1 by court order, the Office of the Attorney General may administratively establish a
2 child support obligation based upon a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity as set
3 forth in KRS Chapter 406, the parent's minimum monthly child support obligation
4 and proportionate share of child care costs incurred due to employment or job
5 search of either parent, or incurred while receiving elementary or secondary
6 education, or higher education or vocational training which will lead to
7 employment. The monthly child support obligation shall be determined pursuant to
8 the Kentucky child support guidelines set forth in KRS 403.212 or **Section 1 of this**
9 **Act**~~[403.2121]~~. The actual cost of child care shall be reasonable and shall be
10 allocated between the parents in the same proportion as each parent's gross income,
11 as determined under the guidelines, bears to the total family gross income.

12 (5) The Office of the Attorney General shall recognize a voluntary acknowledgment of
13 paternity as a basis for seeking a support order, irrespective of the alleged father's
14 willingness to consent to a support order.

15 (6) When in the best interest of the child, the Office of the Attorney General may
16 review and adjust a parent's child support obligation or child care obligation as
17 established by the office, upon a request of the office when an assignment has been
18 made, or upon either parent's petition if the amount of the child support awarded
19 under the order differs from the amount that would be awarded in accordance with
20 KRS 403.212 or **Section 1 of this Act**~~[403.2121]~~. The Office of the Attorney
21 General shall notify parents at least once every three (3) years of the right to a
22 review.

23 (7) In establishing or modifying a parent's monthly child support obligation, the Office
24 of the Attorney General may use automated methods to identify orders eligible for
25 review, conduct the review, identify orders eligible for adjustment, and apply the
26 adjustment to eligible orders in accordance with KRS 403.212 or **Section 1 of this**
27 **Act**~~[403.2121]~~. The office shall utilize information, including financial records,

1 about the parent and child which it has good reason to believe is reliable and may
2 require the parents to provide income verification.

3 (8) In cases in which past-due support is owed for a child receiving public assistance
4 under Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act, the Office of the Attorney
5 General shall issue an administrative order, or seek a judicial order, requiring the
6 obligated parent to participate in work activities, or educational or vocational
7 training activities for at least twenty (20) hours per week, unless the parent is
8 incapacitated as defined by 42 U.S.C. sec. 607.

9 (9) The Office of the Attorney General may disclose financial records only for the
10 purpose of establishing, modifying, or enforcing a child support obligation of an
11 individual. A financial institution shall not be liable to any individual for disclosing
12 any financial record of the individual to the office attempting to establish, modify,
13 or enforce a child support obligation.

14 (10) The Office of the Attorney General may issue both intrastate and interstate
15 administrative subpoenas to any individual or entity for financial or other
16 information or documents which are needed to establish, modify, or enforce a child
17 support obligation pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. sec.
18 651 et seq. An administrative subpoena lawfully issued in another state to an
19 individual or entity residing in this state shall be honored and enforced in the
20 Circuit Court of the county in which the individual or entity resides.

21 (11) In any case where a person or entity fails to respond to a subpoena within the
22 specified time frame, the cabinet shall impose a penalty.

23 (12) No person shall knowingly make, present, or cause to be made or presented to an
24 employee or officer of the cabinet any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement,
25 representation, or entry in any application, report, document, or financial record
26 used in determining child support or child care obligations.

27 (13) If a person knowingly or by reason of negligence discloses a financial record of an

1 individual, that individual may pursue civil action for damages in a federal District
2 Court or appropriate state court. No liability shall arise with respect to any
3 disclosure which results from a good faith, but erroneous, interpretation. In any
4 civil action brought for reason of negligence of disclosure of financial records, upon
5 finding of liability on the part of the defendant, the defendant shall be liable to the
6 plaintiff in an amount equal to:

- 7 (a) The sum of the greater of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each act of
8 unauthorized disclosure of financial records; or
9 (b) The sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff resulting from the
10 unauthorized disclosure; plus
11 (c) If willful disclosure or disclosure was a result of gross negligence, punitive
12 damages, plus the costs, including attorney fees, of the action.

13 (14) The Office of the Attorney General shall issue an administrative order or seek a
14 judicial order requiring a parent with a delinquent child support obligation, as
15 defined by administrative regulation promulgated under KRS 15.055, to participate
16 in the program described in KRS 15.816 to help low-income, noncustodial parents
17 find and keep employment unless the parent is incapacitated as defined by 42
18 U.S.C. sec. 607.

19 ➔Section 10. KRS 406.025 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) Upon completion of a signed, notarized, voluntary acknowledgment-of-paternity
21 affidavit by the mother and alleged father, obtained through the hospital-based
22 paternity program, and submitted to the state registrar of vital statistics, paternity
23 shall be rebuttably presumed for the earlier of sixty (60) days or the date of an
24 administrative or judicial proceeding relating to the child, including a proceeding to
25 establish a child support order.

26 (2) Upon completion of a signed, notarized, voluntary acknowledgment-of-paternity
27 affidavit by the mother and alleged father obtained outside of the hospital and

- 1 submitted to the state registrar of vital statistics, paternity shall be rebuttably
2 presumed for the earlier of sixty (60) days or the date of an administrative or
3 judicial proceeding relating to the child, including a proceeding to establish a child
4 support order following the date of signatures on the notarized affidavit.
- 5 (3) Pending an administrative or judicial determination of parentage, or upon a signed,
6 notarized, voluntary acknowledgment-of-paternity form having been transmitted by
7 the local registrar and received by the Vital Statistics Branch, a temporary support
8 order shall be issued upon motion of any party if paternity is indicated by genetic
9 testing or other clear and convincing evidence.
- 10 (4) The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis for
11 the motion and the amounts requested.
- 12 (5) The court shall, within fourteen (14) days from the filing of the motion, order an
13 amount of temporary child support based upon the child support guidelines as
14 provided by KRS 403.212 or Section 1 of this Act~~[403.2121]~~. The ordered child
15 support shall be retroactive to the date of the filing of the motion to move the court
16 to enter an order for temporary child support without written or oral notice to the
17 adverse party. The order shall provide that the order becomes effective seven (7)
18 days following service of the order and movant's affidavit upon the adverse party
19 unless the adverse party, within the seven (7) day period, files a motion for a
20 hearing before the court. The motion for hearing shall be accompanied by the
21 affidavit required by KRS 403.160(2)(a). Pending the hearing, the adverse party
22 shall pay child support in an amount based upon the guidelines and the adverse
23 party's affidavit. The child support order entered following the hearing shall be
24 retroactive to the date of the filing of the motion for temporary support unless
25 otherwise ordered by the court.
- 26 (6) Unless good cause is shown, court or administratively ordered child support shall
27 continue until final judicial or administrative determination of paternity.

1 ➔Section 11. KRS 401.020 is amended to read as follows:

2 **(1)** Both parents, provided both are living, or one (1) parent if one (1) is deceased, or if
3 no parent is living, the guardian, may have the name of a child under the age of
4 eighteen (18) changed by the District Court, or if the Family Court or Circuit Court
5 has a case before it involving the family, the Family Court of a county with a
6 Family Court, or the Circuit Court of a county without a Family Court of the county
7 in which the child resides.

8 **(2)** ~~However,~~ If one (1) parent refuses or is unavailable to execute the petition **for a**
9 **name change**, proper notice of filing the petition shall be served in accordance with
10 the Rules of Civil Procedure. **The court shall conduct a hearing on the petition no**
11 **later than sixty (60) days from the date of service and make findings of fact and**
12 **conclusions of law based on the best interests of the child. The court shall**
13 **consider all relevant factors, including:**

14 **(a) The wishes of the child's parent or parents;**

15 **(b) The wishes of the child as to the name change, with due consideration given**
16 **to the influence a parent may have over the child's wishes;**

17 **(c) The interaction and interrelationship of the child with his or her parent or**
18 **parents, his or her siblings, and any other person who may significantly**
19 **affect the child's best interests;**

20 **(d) The motivation of the adults participating in the proceeding; and**

21 **(e) The mental and physical health of all individuals involved.**

22 **(3)** If the child resides on a United States Army post, military reservation, or fort, his or
23 her name may be changed by the District Court, or the Family Court of a county
24 with a Family Court, or the Circuit Court of a county without a Family Court of any
25 county adjacent thereto.

26 ➔Section 12. The following KRS section is repealed:

27 403.2121 "Day" defined – Minimum requirement for shared parenting time credit --

- 1 Establishment of adjustment to child support obligations based upon parenting time
- 2 -- Modification of child support -- Children receiving public assistance.