

1 AN ACT relating to chemical dependency treatment services.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Any treatment center or program licensed as a chemical dependency treatment*
6 *service pursuant to KRS 216B.042 shall provide transportation services to*
7 *residents who wish to voluntarily leave the treatment program if:*

8 *(a) After expressing the intent to voluntarily leave, the treatment center or*
9 *program licensed as a chemical dependency treatment service pursuant to*
10 *KRS 216B.042 informs a family member, guardian, or emergency contact of*
11 *the resident's desire to leave; and*

12 *(b) The resident's family member, guardian, or emergency contact does not*
13 *agree to transport the resident within twenty-four (24) hours.*

14 *(2) Transportation services shall include providing the resident access to:*

15 *(a) A ride-sharing service and purchasing a one (1) way service to the*
16 *resident's hometown of record; or*

17 *(b) Public transportation, including but not limited to transporting the resident*
18 *to the nearest commercial bus station and purchasing a ticket to the*
19 *resident's hometown of record.*

20 *(3) The facilities described in subsection (1) of this section and law enforcement*
21 *officers shall only transport residents voluntarily leaving the facility to public*
22 *transportation locations, the location to meet the driver of a ride-sharing service,*
23 *or the resident's home.*

24 *(4) Prior to admitting a resident into the facility described in subsection (1) of this*
25 *section, the facility shall conduct a search of any outstanding warrants.*

26 *(5) A facility that is not licensed as a chemical dependency treatment service*
27 *pursuant to KRS 216B.042 shall be exempt from this section.*