

1 AN ACT relating to child abuse and neglect.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 199 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:*

6 *(a) "Abused or neglected child" has the same meaning as in KRS 600.020; and*

7 *(b) "Central registry" means the registry for child abuse and neglect*  
8 *established in subsection (2) of this section.*

9 *(2) The cabinet shall, by July 1, 2017, establish and operate the central registry for*  
10 *child abuse and neglect. The central registry shall include the name, age, last*  
11 *known city of residence, a photograph if available, a description of the*  
12 *substantiated finding of abuse or neglect, and any other identifying information*  
13 *determined necessary by the cabinet, of each individual:*

14 *(a) Who has been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected a child; and*

15 *(b) 1. Who waived the right to appeal a substantiated finding of child abuse*  
16 *or neglect in accordance with Kentucky law or administrative*  
17 *regulations; or*

18 *2. Whose substantiated incident was upheld upon appeal.*

19 *(3) The cabinet shall publish the central registry on its Web site and it shall be*  
20 *searchable and available to the public.*

21 *(4) The cabinet shall update the central registry every thirty (30) days.*

22 *(5) The cabinet shall ensure that the following statement is displayed on the cabinet*  
23 *Web site where the central registry is published: "Based on information*  
24 *submitted to the cabinet, an individual whose name appears on the central*  
25 *registry has been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected a child.*  
26 *However, information on the central registry may not be complete."*

27 *(6) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish and operate*

- 1        **the central registry including but not limited to policies and procedures:**
- 2        **(a) For compiling, publishing, and maintaining the information required in**
- 3                **subsection (2) of this section;**
- 4        **(b) For how long an individual shall remain on the central registry;**
- 5        **(c) For how an individual may be removed from the central registry; and**
- 6        **(d) To ensure compliance with all other state and federal laws.**
- 7        ➔Section 2. This Act shall be cited as Sophie's Law.