

1 AN ACT relating to attorney's fees for paternity actions.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 406 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *The court from time to time, after considering the financial resources of both parties,*
6 *may order a party to pay a reasonable amount for the cost to the other party of*
7 *maintaining or defending any proceeding under this chapter and for attorney's fees for*
8 *private counsel, including sums for legal services rendered and costs incurred prior to*
9 *commencement of the proceeding, or after entry of judgment. Upon determination that*
10 *an action under this chapter was initiated in bad faith, the court may order the*
11 *offending party to pay attorney's fees to the opposing attorney for legal services*
12 *rendered and costs incurred. The court may order that the amount be paid directly to*
13 *the attorney, who may enforce the order in his or her name.*