

1 AN ACT relating to restorative justice.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall establish in each county, or assign to*
6 *an existing body the responsibilities of, a local juvenile restorative justice advisory*
7 *committee. For counties within the same judicial district, the requirements of this*
8 *subsection may be satisfied through a joint committee.*

9 *(2) The membership of each committee shall include the following:*

10 *(a) The chief district judge;*

11 *(b) The county attorney;*

12 *(c) An assistant public advocate;*

13 *(d) A representative from the Department for Community Based Services;*

14 *(e) A representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice;*

15 *(f) A representative from a local law enforcement agency;*

16 *(g) A representative from each local school district;*

17 *(h) Community members reflecting the racial, socioeconomic, and other*
18 *diversity of the county; and*

19 *(i) A representative from a victims advocacy group.*

20 *(3) Each committee shall:*

21 *(a) Establish sustainable programs that employ restorative practices to identify*
22 *the underlying causes of negative behavior and empower children, families,*
23 *and communities to address and prevent issues surrounding incidents of*
24 *negative behavior; and*

25 *(b) Develop and implement local restorative justice programs with an*
26 *established organization to serve children, youth, and families through*
27 *referrals from the court, the court-designated worker, the Department of*

- 1 Juvenile Justice, the public schools, other social service agencies, or by the
2 request of a child or family.
- 3 (4) Each committee shall meet at least quarterly, and shall report to the Department
4 of Juvenile Justice Office of Community and Mental Health Services.