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1 AN ACT relating to foster care review boards.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 620.270 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Subject to the provisions of KRS 620.230, the local citizen foster care review board
5 shall review the case of each child placed in the custody of the cabinet by an order
6 of temporary custody or commitment by the court in the county or counties which
7 the local board serves. The review shall occur at least once every six (6) months
8 until the child is no longer in the custody of the cabinet or until an adoption
9 proceeding becomes final.

10 (2) During each six (6) month review, the local citizen foster care review board shall
11 review:

12 (a) The past, current, and future status of the child and his placement as shown
13 through the case permanency plan, case record, case progress reports
14 submitted by the cabinet, and other information as the board may require;

15 (b) The efforts or adjustment the parent has made in his circumstances, conduct,
16 or conditions to make it in the child's best interest to return him to his home
17 within a reasonable period of time considering the age of the child;

18 (c) The efforts of the cabinet to locate and provide services to the biological
19 parents of the child;

20 (d) The efforts of the cabinet and other agencies to facilitate the return of the child
21 to the home or to find an alternative permanent placement if reunion with the
22 parent or previous custodian is not feasible. The cabinet shall report to the
23 board all factors which either favor or mitigate against any decision or
24 alternative with regard to these matters; and

25 (e) Any problems, solutions, or alternatives which may be capable of exploration,
26 or other matters with regard to the child as the cabinet or the board determine
27 to be explored with regard to the best interests of the state or of the child.

1 (3) Upon completion of a training curriculum developed and provided jointly by the
2 Administrative Office of the Courts and by the Department for Community Based
3 Services and approved by the state review board in regard to child sexual abuse, the
4 local citizen foster care review board may review, at the discretion of the board, a
5 sample of all petitions filed in the District Court of the county served by the board
6 alleging sexual abuse of any child, not to exceed two hundred (200) petitions per
7 year statewide, in order to determine the adequacy of the investigation, and the
8 appropriateness of findings, adjudication, and disposition of the court. The board
9 shall have access to all records of the cabinet, medical professionals, and law
10 enforcement agencies pertaining to these cases. The board shall provide the cabinet
11 and the court a full report of the findings and recommendations concerning the
12 review.
13 ***(4) Notice of this review and the right to attend and participate in the review shall be***
14 ***provided to the child's parents, if parental rights have not been terminated or***
15 ***surrendered; the parent's attorney; the guardian ad litem, the attorney for the***
16 ***child, or both; the foster parents; the prospective adoptive parent; the relative***
17 ***providing care for the child; and the child who is a party to the proceeding. The***
18 ***cabinet and the court shall develop adequate procedures to provide notice of the***
19 ***review to these persons.***

President of Senate

Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest: Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved Governor

Date 3/23/15