

KENTUCKY CHAPTER 202A

A civil pathway for to :

- Emergency evaluation
- Hospitalization
- Court-ordered treatment

Note: Changes introduced in October 2026

- Definition for: Danger to Self/Others has been introduced
- New forms published



202A: New Definition of “Danger” to Self/Others:

- (a) Presents a substantial risk of **serious physical harm** to self, family, or others as evidenced by recent behavior, threats, or conduct demonstrating such risk;
- (b) Has attempted or threatened suicide or has expressed suicidal ideations and there is a reasonable probability of serious self-harm unless prompt and adequate treatment is provided;
- (c) (c) Is **unable** without supervision or assistance to **provide for basic personal needs, including provision for reasonable shelter, food, clothing, or medical care**, so that there exists a **substantial likelihood of death, serious physical injury, or serious physical debilitation**. For purposes of this paragraph, a person shall be deemed unable to provide for basic personal needs even if a guardian, family member, or friend is willing and able to provide assistance; or
- (d) Is experiencing **psychiatric deterioration**, demonstrated by a **substantial decline in functioning from the person's baseline**, such that the person's judgment, insight, or ability to recognize the need for treatment is impaired, and without intervention, the person's condition will predictably result in:
 - (a) A substantial risk of serious physical harm to self, family, or others;
 - (b) 2. Serious physical debilitation or self-neglect; or
 - (c) 3. Further loss of ability to engage in safe or necessary self-care or to voluntarily seek needed treatment;

CASEY'S LAW

Intervention for Substance Use Disorder

- **Family petition**
- **Evaluation**
- **Court-ordered treatment**

**8,034 Kentucky cases contained
verified petitions from 2004–2022**

TIM'S LAW ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

- Court oversight
- Treatment engagement
- Recovery support

AOT Resources

Visit this link or scan the QR code to view the KY AOT statutes, AOT court forms, and external websites with additional AOT resources.



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Kentucky Pilot Outcomes:

Outcomes from the 139 participants in this project include:

- 90% report feeling capable Of handling daily life
- 75% reduction in homelessness
- 75% reduction in emergency visits for mental health 95% reduction in psychiatric hospitalization
- 100% reduction in arrests