

635.085 Imposition of fines.

- (1) In lieu of commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice, if a child is adjudicated a public offender, the court may in its discretion impose a fine. The imposition of a fine for an offense committed by a child shall be based upon a determination that such disposition is in the best interest of the child and to aid in his rehabilitation. Any such order shall include a finding that the child is financially able to pay the fine. Fines shall be levied consistent with the schedule set forth below:
 - (a) For a felony, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500);
 - (b) For a misdemeanor, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); and
 - (c) For a violation, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (2) When a child is directed by the court to pay a fine, the court may provide for payment to be made within a specified period of time or in specified installments. If such provision is not made a part of the court's disposition, the fine shall be payable immediately. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the court's inherent contempt powers.
- (3) Any public offender detained for failure to comply with the court order shall not be scheduled for a time that would interfere with the educational, occupational, or religious obligations of the child, and shall be in a secure juvenile detention facility, juvenile holding facility, or approved detention program authorized by the Department of Juvenile Justice in accordance with KRS Chapter 15A. Any portion of a day a child is detained pursuant to the court's exercising its contempt powers shall be deemed as one (1) day for purposes of serving a detention term.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2002). This section was amended by 2002 Ky. Acts chs. 183 and 257, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/96). Under 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 358, sec. 67(1), the amendment of this statute by Section 45 of that Act becomes effective July 15, 1997.