

CHAPTER 109**(SB 159)**

AN ACT relating to civics education in public schools.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Beginning on July 1, 2018, to graduate from a Kentucky public high school with a regular diploma, a student shall pass a civics test composed of one hundred (100) questions drawn from those that are set forth within the civics test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens.*
- (2) *A local board of education shall prepare or approve a test composed of the questions described in subsection (1) of this section and shall disseminate the test to all public high schools of the district. The test shall be administered by the public high schools in each district.*
- (3) *A public high school shall provide each student with the opportunity to take the test as many times as necessary for the student to pass the test. A student shall not receive a regular high school diploma until the student passes the test.*
- (4) *A student passes the test if at least sixty percent (60%) of the questions are answered correctly.*
- (5) *A student who has passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall not be required to take the test under this section.*
- (6) *Provisions of this section shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program as defined in KRS 158.281 or a Section 504 Plan as defined in KRS 156.027.*

Signed by Governor March 27, 2017.