

AN ACT relating to public education concerning historical items.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 11 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) *For the purposes of this section:*

(a) *"Confederate States of America" means the states that seceded from the United States of America in 1860 and 1861, leading to the American Civil War, which occurred between 1861 and 1865; and*

(b) *"Appropriate public education" means information designed to provide historical context regarding the Confederate States of America, including information regarding the toll of the American Civil War on Kentucky and the nation, and information about the economic and political life of the Confederate States of America, including slavery. "Appropriate public education" shall also mean information which informs the public on the impact, effect, condition, and result of a designated location or item on the African-American, Native American, and other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth.*

(2) *The Historic Properties Advisory Commission shall provide appropriate public education for each item related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth that is on public display and is contained within a building for which the Historic Properties Advisory Commission provides continuing attention to maintenance, furnishings, and repairs.*

(3) *Items related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth shall include buildings,*

monuments, statues, exhibits, sites, and artifacts. Appropriate public education shall be provided using signs, plaques, films, presentations, pamphlets, brochures, computer applications, audio tapes, or other methods deemed useful for the provision of historical information.

(4) The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the procedures that shall be followed in the development and provision of appropriate public education under this section in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Confederate States of America" means the states that seceded from the United States of America in 1860 and 1861, leading to the American Civil War, which occurred between 1861 and 1865; and

(b) "Appropriate public education" means information designed to provide historical context regarding the Confederate States of America, including information regarding the toll of the American Civil War on Kentucky and the nation, and information about the economic and political life of the Confederate States of America, including slavery. "Appropriate public education" shall also mean information which informs the public on the impact, effect, condition, and result of a designated location or item on the African-American, Native American, and other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth.

(2) The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet shall provide appropriate public education for each item related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth that is on

public display and is contained within a state park, museum, historic site, or building for which it is responsible.

(3) Items related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth shall include buildings, monuments, statues, exhibits, sites, and artifacts. Appropriate public education shall be provided using signs, plaques, films, presentations, pamphlets, brochures, computer applications, audio tapes, or other methods deemed useful for the provision of historical information.

(4) The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the procedures that shall be followed in the development and provision of appropriate public education under this section in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.

➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Confederate States of America" means the states that seceded from the United States of America in 1860 and 1861, leading to the American Civil War, which occurred between 1861 and 1865; and

(b) "Appropriate public education" means information designed to provide historical context regarding the Confederate States of America, including information regarding the toll of the American Civil War on Kentucky and the nation, and information about the economic and political life of the Confederate States of America, including slavery. "Appropriate public education" shall also mean information which informs the public on the impact, effect, condition, and result of a designated location or item on the African-American, Native American, and other ethnic, cultural, or religious

groups having a presence in the Commonwealth.

- (2) The Department for Libraries and Archives shall provide appropriate public education for each item related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth that is on public display and is contained within a building or facility for which it is responsible.
- (3) Items related to the Confederate States of America, African-American history, Native American history, and the history of other ethnic, cultural, or religious groups having a presence in the Commonwealth shall include buildings, monuments, statues, exhibits, sites, and artifacts. Appropriate public education shall be provided using signs, plaques, films, presentations, pamphlets, brochures, computer applications, audio tapes, or other methods deemed useful for the provision of historical information.
- (4) The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the procedures that shall be followed in the development and provision of appropriate public education under this section in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.