

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 January 1, 2017, 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) The Kentucky Department of Education shall prepare or approve of a test composed of the questions described in subsection (1) of this section and shall disseminate the test to all public school districts of the Commonwealth, which shall administer the test.
- (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) 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.