

1 AN ACT relating to civics education in public schools.

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

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

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