

1 AN ACT relating to historical instruction.

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 with the 2024-2025 school year, any world history or world civilization*  
6 *course offered by a public middle or high school that is not an advanced*  
7 *placement course shall include instruction on African history during the time*  
8 *period covered by the course.*

9 *(2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, any United States history course*  
10 *offered by a public middle or high school that is not an advanced placement*  
11 *course shall include instruction on Native American culture and history during*  
12 *the time period covered by the course. If the course includes instruction on the*  
13 *founding of the United States, the course shall also include instruction on Native*  
14 *American culture and history prior to the founding of the United States.*

15 *(3) The Kentucky Department of Education shall collaborate with:*

16 *(a) The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage to develop an elective*  
17 *high school course offering in African history; and*

18 *(b) The Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission to develop an elective*  
19 *high school course offering in Native American history.*

20 *(4) In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall*  
21 *promulgate administrative regulations to establish academic standards for:*

22 *(a) African history instruction required by subsection (1) of this section*  
23 *developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for African American*  
24 *Heritage; and*

25 *(b) Native American history instruction required by subsection (2) of this*  
26 *section developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Native American*  
27 *Heritage Commission.*

- 1 (5) The superintendent of each school district shall determine curricula for course  
2 offerings pursuant to KRS 160.345 that include the instruction required by  
3 subsections (1) and (2) of this section and are aligned with the academic  
4 standards required by subsection (4) of this section.
- 5 (6) The Kentucky Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky  
6 Center for African American Heritage to develop:
- 7 (a) Recommended curricula for the African history instruction required by  
8 subsection (1) of this section that are aligned with the academic standards  
9 required by subsection (4)(a) of this section;
- 10 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and  
11 high schools in implementing the academic standards for African history  
12 instruction required by subsection (4)(a) of this section; and
- 13 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high  
14 school instructors to provide the African history instruction described in  
15 this section.
- 16 (7) The Kentucky Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky  
17 Native American Heritage Commission to develop:
- 18 (a) Recommended curricula for the Native American history instruction  
19 required by subsection (2) of this section that are aligned with the academic  
20 standards required by subsection (4)(b) of this section;
- 21 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and  
22 high schools in implementing the academic standards for Native American  
23 history instruction required by subsection (4)(b) of this section; and
- 24 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high  
25 school instructors to provide the Native American history instruction  
26 described in this section.