

1 AN ACT relating to civic education.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.141 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Beginning *with the entering ninth grade class of the 2025-2026 school year and*
5 *each year thereafter, completion of a one-half (1/2) credit course in civic literacy*
6 *that includes instruction in the areas required in subsection (3) of this section*
7 *shall be a graduation requirement for each student in every public high school in*
8 *Kentucky*~~[on July 1, 2018, to graduate from a Kentucky public high school with a~~
9 ~~regular diploma, a student shall pass a civics test composed of one hundred (100)~~
10 ~~questions drawn from those that are set forth within the civics test administered by~~
11 ~~the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to~~
12 ~~become naturalized citizens].~~
- 13 (2) A *student pursuing an early graduation program as established in KRS 158.142*
14 *shall complete the required instruction prior to the student's graduation*~~[local~~
15 ~~board of education shall prepare or approve a test composed of the questions~~
16 ~~described in subsection (1) of this section and shall disseminate the test to all public~~
17 ~~high schools of the district. The test shall be administered by the public high~~
18 ~~schools in each district].~~
- 19 (3) A *civic literacy course shall include but not be limited to instruction in the*
20 *following areas:*
- 21 *(a) An overview of America's founding history, including but not limited to key*
22 *texts; the role and operations of local, state, and national governments; the*
23 *rights and responsibilities of citizenship; federalism; civil liberties; and civil*
24 *rights;*
- 25 *(b) Principles of the United States government;*
- 26 *(c) The Constitution of Kentucky and the Constitution of the United States;*
- 27 *(d) Institutions of the United States government and the responsibilities of the*

- 1 *executive branch, legislative branch, and judicial branch;*
- 2 *(e) State government and local governments and the role of each;*
- 3 *(f) Political parties and interest groups;*
- 4 *(g) Campaigns and elections;*
- 5 *(h) United States Congress;*
- 6 *(i) Domestic policy;*
- 7 *(j) Foreign policy;*
- 8 *(k) Comparative systems;*
- 9 *(l) International relations; and*
- 10 *(m) Major issues facing government*~~[public high school shall provide each~~
- 11 student with the opportunity to take the test as many times as necessary for the
- 12 student to pass the test. A student shall not receive a regular high school
- 13 diploma until the student passes the test].
- 14 (4) *The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations in*
- 15 *accordance with KRS 156.160 to establish academic standards for civic literacy*~~[A~~
- 16 student passes the test if at least sixty percent (60%) of the questions are answered
- 17 correctly.
- 18 ~~(5) A student who has passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall not~~
- 19 ~~be required to take the test under this section.~~
- 20 ~~(6) Provisions of this section shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations~~
- 21 ~~of a student's individualized education program as defined in KRS 158.281 or a~~
- 22 ~~Section 504 Plan as defined in KRS 156.027].~~