

1 AN ACT relating to curriculum.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 156.160 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) With the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, the Kentucky  
5 Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing  
6 standards which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and  
7 operational performance. These regulations shall comply with the expected  
8 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Administrative  
9 regulations shall be promulgated for the following:

10 (a) Courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools  
11 identifying the common curriculum content directly tied to the goals,  
12 outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645,  
13 158.6451, and 158.6453 and distributed to local school districts and schools.

14 The administrative regulations shall provide that:

- 15 1. If a school offers American sign language, the course shall be accepted  
16 as meeting the foreign language requirements in common schools  
17 notwithstanding other provisions of law;
- 18 2. If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the  
19 course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement  
20 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law;
- 21 3. Every public middle and high school's curriculum shall include  
22 instruction on the Holocaust and other cases of genocide, as defined by  
23 the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the  
24 Crime of Genocide, that a court of competent jurisdiction, whether a  
25 court in the United States or the International Court of Justice, has  
26 determined to have been committed by applying rigorous standards of  
27 due process;~~and~~

- 1           4. Every public middle and high school's curriculum shall include  
2           instruction on the history of racism that shall include but not be  
3           limited to the transatlantic slave trade, the American civil war,  
4           reconstruction, Jim Crow laws, the black codes, desegregation, the  
5           Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, redlining, and  
6           residential segregation; and
- 7           5. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, cursive writing shall be  
8           included as a course of study in all elementary schools and shall be  
9           designed to ensure proficiency in cursive writing by the end of grade  
10          five (5);
- 11          (b) Courses of study or educational experiences available to students in all middle  
12          and high schools to fulfill the prerequisites for courses in advanced science  
13          and mathematics as defined in KRS 158.845;
- 14          (c) The acquisition and use of educational equipment for the schools as  
15          recommended by the Council for Education Technology;
- 16          (d) The minimum requirements for high school graduation in light of the  
17          expected outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. The  
18          minimum requirements shall not include achieving any postsecondary  
19          readiness indicator as described in KRS 158.6455 or any minimum score on a  
20          statewide assessment administered under KRS 158.6453. Student scores from  
21          any assessment administered under KRS 158.6453 that are determined by the  
22          department's technical advisory committee to be valid and reliable at the  
23          individual level shall be included on the student transcript. The department's  
24          technical advisory committee shall submit its determination to the  
25          commissioner of education and the Legislative Research Commission;
- 26          (e) The requirements for an alternative high school diploma for students with  
27          disabilities whose individualized education program indicates that, in

1 accordance with 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414(d)(1)(A):

2 1. The student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessment; and

3 2. An appropriate alternate assessment has been selected for the student  
4 based upon a modified curriculum and an individualized course of  
5 study;

6 (f) Taking and keeping a school census, and the forms, blanks, and software to be  
7 used in taking and keeping the census and in compiling the required reports.  
8 The board shall create a statewide student identification numbering system  
9 based on students' Social Security numbers. The system shall provide a  
10 student identification number similar to, but distinct from, the Social Security  
11 number, for each student who does not have a Social Security number or  
12 whose parents or guardians choose not to disclose the Social Security number  
13 for the student;

14 (g) Sanitary and protective construction of public school buildings, toilets,  
15 physical equipment of school grounds, school buildings, and classrooms. With  
16 respect to physical standards of sanitary and protective construction for school  
17 buildings, the Kentucky Board of Education shall adopt the Uniform State  
18 Building Code;

19 (h) Medical inspection, physical and health education and recreation, and other  
20 regulations necessary or advisable for the protection of the physical welfare  
21 and safety of the public school children. The administrative regulations shall  
22 set requirements for student health standards to be met by all students in  
23 grades four (4), eight (8), and twelve (12) pursuant to the outcomes described  
24 in KRS 158.6451. The administrative regulations shall permit a student who  
25 received a physical examination no more than six (6) months prior to his or  
26 her initial admission to Head Start to substitute that physical examination for  
27 the physical examination required by the Kentucky Board of Education of all

- 1 students upon initial admission to the public schools, if the physical  
2 examination given in the Head Start program meets all the requirements of the  
3 physical examinations prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education;
- 4 (i) A vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist that shall be  
5 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative regulations  
6 shall require evidence that a vision examination that meets the criteria  
7 prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education has been performed. This  
8 evidence shall be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first  
9 year that a three (3), four (4), five (5), or six (6) year-old child is enrolled in a  
10 public school, public preschool, or Head Start program;
- 11 (j) 1. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, a dental screening or  
12 examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse,  
13 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant that shall be  
14 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative  
15 regulations shall require evidence that a dental screening or examination  
16 that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education  
17 has been performed. This evidence shall be submitted to the school no  
18 later than January 1 of the first year that a five (5) or six (6) year-old  
19 child is enrolled in a public school.
- 20 2. A child shall be referred to a licensed dentist if a dental screening or  
21 examination performed by anyone other than a licensed dentist identifies  
22 the possibility of dental disease;
- 23 (k) The transportation of children to and from school;
- 24 (l) The fixing of holidays on which schools may be closed and special days to be  
25 observed, and the pay of teachers during absence because of sickness or  
26 quarantine or when the schools are closed because of quarantine;
- 27 (m) The preparation of budgets and salary schedules for the several school

1 districts under the management and control of the Kentucky Board of  
2 Education;

3 (n) A uniform series of forms and blanks, educational and financial, including  
4 forms of contracts, for use in the several school districts;

5 (o) The disposal of real and personal property owned by local boards of  
6 education; and

7 (p) The development and implementation of procedures, for all students who are  
8 homeless children and youths as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 11434a(2), to do  
9 the following:

10 1. Awarding and accepting of credit, including partial credit, for all  
11 coursework satisfactorily completed by a student while enrolled at  
12 another school;

13 2. Allowing a student who was previously enrolled in a course required for  
14 graduation the opportunity, to the extent practicable, to complete the  
15 course, at no cost to the student, before the beginning of the next school  
16 year;

17 3. Awarding a diploma, at the student's request, by a district from which  
18 the student transferred, if the student transfers schools at any time after  
19 the completion of the student's second year of high school and the  
20 student is ineligible to graduate from the district to which the student  
21 transfers, but meets the graduation requirements of the district from  
22 which the student transferred; and

23 4. Exempting the student from all coursework and other requirements  
24 imposed by the local board of education that are in addition to the  
25 minimum requirements for high school graduation established by the  
26 Kentucky Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (d) of this  
27 subsection in the district to which the student transfers, if the student

1 transfers schools at any time after the completion of the student's second  
2 year of high school and the student is ineligible to graduate both from  
3 the district to which the student transfers and the district from which the  
4 student transferred.

5 (2) Any private, parochial, or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum,  
6 certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of  
7 Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.

8 (3) Any public school that violates the provisions of KRS 158.854 shall be subject to a  
9 penalty to be assessed by the commissioner of education as follows:

10 (a) The first violation shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) week's revenue  
11 from the sale of the competitive food;

12 (b) Subsequent violations shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) month's  
13 revenue from the sale of the competitive food;

14 (c) "Habitual violations," which means five (5) or more violations within a six (6)  
15 month period, shall result in a six (6) month ban on competitive food sales for  
16 the violating school; and

17 (d) Revenue collected as a result of the fines in this subsection shall be  
18 transferred to the food service fund of the local school district.