

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 2023-2024 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 relevant to the time*
8 *period covered by the course, including but not limited to the following*
9 *civilizations:*

10 *(a) The Kingdoms of Kush, Kongo, Punt, Carthage, Ghana, Asante, Zulu,*
11 *Berber, Mutapa, and Zimbabwe; and*

12 *(b) The Mali, Songhai, Benin, Ethiopian, Aksumite, and Egyptian Empires.*

13 *(2) (a) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, any United States history course*
14 *offered by a public middle or high school that is not an advanced placement*
15 *course and includes instruction on the founding of the United States shall*
16 *also include instruction on Native American culture and history prior to*
17 *and after the founding of the United States.*

18 *(b) The Native American instruction required by this subsection shall include*
19 *but not be limited to instruction on the history and culture of the indigenous*
20 *peoples of the Eastern Woodlands, Great Plains, Southwest, Mission*
21 *Indians, Northwest Coast, Alaska, and Pacific Islands.*

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

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

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

27 *(4) In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall:*

- 1 (a) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
2 African history instruction required by subsection (1) of this section
3 developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for African American
4 Heritage; and
- 5 (b) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
6 Native American history instruction required by subsection (2) of this
7 section developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Native American
8 Heritage Commission.
- 9 (5) The local school-based decision making council, or principal if no council exists,
10 of each high school shall determine curricula for course offerings that include
11 the instruction required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section and are aligned
12 with the academic standards required by subsection (4) of this section.
- 13 (6) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky Center for
14 African American Heritage to develop:
- 15 (a) Recommended curricula for the African history instruction required by
16 subsection (1) of this section that are aligned with the academic standards
17 required by subsection (4)(a) of this section;
- 18 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and
19 high schools in implementing the academic standards for African history
20 instruction required by subsection (4)(a) of this section; and
- 21 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high
22 school instructors to provide the African history instruction described in
23 this section.
- 24 (7) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky Native
25 American Heritage Commission to develop:
- 26 (a) Recommended curricula for the Native American history instruction
27 required by subsection (2) of this section that are aligned with the academic

- 1 standards required by subsection (4)(b) of this section;
2 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and
3 high schools in implementing the academic standards for Native American
4 history instruction required by subsection (4)(b) of this section; and
5 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high
6 school instructors to provide the Native American history instruction
7 described in this section.