

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 2021-2022 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) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, any United States history course
14 offered by a public middle or high school that is not an advanced placement
15 course shall include instruction on Native American history during the time
16 period covered by the course.

17 (a) The Native American instruction required by this subsection shall include
18 but not be limited to instruction on the history and culture of the Navajo,
19 Cherokee, Sioux, Chippewa, Choctaw, Apache, Pueblo, Iroquois, Creek,
20 and Blackfeet tribes.

21 (b) A United States history course offered by a public middle or high school
22 that is not an advanced placement course and includes instruction on the
23 founding of the United States shall also include instruction on Native
24 American culture and history prior to the founding of the United States.

25 (3) The Kentucky Department of Education shall:

26 (a) Collaborate with the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage to
27 develop an elective high school course offering in African history; and

- 1 (b) Collaborate with the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission to
2 develop an elective high school course offering in Native American history.
- 3 (4) In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall:
- 4 (a) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
5 African history instruction required by subsection (1) of this section
6 developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for African American
7 Heritage; and
- 8 (b) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
9 Native American history instruction required by subsection (2) of this
10 section developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Native American
11 Heritage Commission.
- 12 (5) The local school-based decision making council, or principal if no council exists,
13 of each high school shall determine curricula for course offerings that include
14 the instruction required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section and are aligned
15 with the academic standards required by subsection (4) of this section.
- 16 (6) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky Center for
17 African American Heritage to develop:
- 18 (a) Recommended curricula for the African history instruction required by
19 subsection (1) of this section that are aligned with the academic standards
20 required by paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of this section;
- 21 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and
22 high schools in implementing the academic standards for African history
23 instruction required by paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of this section; and
- 24 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high
25 school instructors to provide the African history instruction described in
26 this section.
- 27 (7) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Kentucky Native

- 1 *American Heritage Commission to develop:*
- 2 *(a) Recommended curricula for the Native American history instruction*
- 3 *required by subsection (2) of this section that are aligned with the academic*
- 4 *standards required by paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section;*
- 5 *(b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and*
- 6 *high schools in implementing the academic standards for Native American*
- 7 *history instruction required by paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this*
- 8 *section; and*
- 9 *(c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high*
- 10 *school instructors to provide the Native American history instruction*
- 11 *described in this section.*