

1 AN ACT relating to educational programs.

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) The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop and implement the*
6 *Kentucky Financial Literacy Program to include curricula, materials, and*
7 *guidelines that are aligned with the academic standards developed in accordance*
8 *with KRS 158.6453.*

9 *(2) The Kentucky Financial Literacy Program shall include but not be limited to*
10 *instruction in the following areas:*

11 *(a) Overview of the United States economy including but not limited to the*
12 *economic system, economic institutions, monetary policy and the Federal*
13 *Reserve, competition and market structures, entrepreneurialism, division of*
14 *labor and specialization, productivity, money, trade, and exchange;*

15 *(b) Money management, budgeting, spending, and saving;*

16 *(c) Banking including opening and maintaining checking and savings*
17 *accounts, balancing a checkbook, and understanding other services offered*
18 *by depository institutions and assessing their quality;*

19 *(d) Employment, income, and employee benefits;*

20 *(e) Investing for retirement and other purposes and common investment*
21 *vehicles;*

22 *(f) Risk management and insurance including life, health, disability, and*
23 *property insurance;*

24 *(g) How to start a business;*

25 *(h) Financial decision making;*

26 *(i) Consumer protections;*

27 *(j) Student loans and application processes;*

1 (k) Capital asset purchase decisions including decisions to purchase, rent, or
2 lease, obtaining financing, down payments, and principal and interest
3 payments;

4 (l) Taxes including federal, state, and local tax assessments;

5 (m) Managing debt including mortgages, credit cards and loans, and credit
6 ratings;

7 (n) Inheritance and probate;

8 (o) Billing statements and contesting incorrect billing statements;

9 (p) Calculating interest;

10 (q) Using technology as a tool to research, organize, and evaluate products and
11 information available through electronic commerce; and

12 (r) Navigating and using financial options available through electronic
13 commerce.

14 (3) (a) Beginning with 2017-2018 school year and each year thereafter, a student
15 shall receive in grade ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) instruction in
16 financial literacy that includes the requirements in subsection (2) of this
17 section.

18 (b) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, completing a financial literacy
19 course or program that includes the requirements of subsection (2) of this
20 section shall be a Kentucky public high school graduation requirement.

21 (c) A student pursuing an early graduation program as established in KRS
22 158.142 shall complete the required instruction prior to his or her
23 graduation.

24 (4) A school district may use the Kentucky Financial Literacy Program to complete
25 the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

26 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
27 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 (1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop and implement the
2 Kentucky Civic Literacy Program to include curricula, materials, and guidelines
3 that are aligned with Kentucky Academic Standards.
- 4 (2) The Kentucky Civic Literacy Program shall include but not be limited to
5 instruction in the following areas:
- 6 (a) An overview of America's founding history including but not limited to key
7 texts, the role and operation of local, state, and national governments,
8 exercising the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, federalism, civil
9 liberties and civil rights;
- 10 (b) Principles of the United States government;
- 11 (c) The Constitution;
- 12 (d) The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the United States
13 government;
- 14 (e) State and local governments;
- 15 (f) Political parties and interest groups;
- 16 (g) Campaigns and elections;
- 17 (h) Congress;
- 18 (i) The presidency;
- 19 (j) The judiciary;
- 20 (k) The bureaucracy;
- 21 (l) Domestic policy;
- 22 (m) Foreign policy;
- 23 (n) Comparative systems;
- 24 (o) International relations; and
- 25 (p) Major issues facing the government.
- 26 (3) (a) Beginning with 2017-2018 school year and each year thereafter, a student
27 shall receive in grade ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) instruction in civic

- 1 literacy that includes the requirements in subsection (2) of this section.
- 2 **(b) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, completing a civic literacy**
- 3 **course or program that includes the requirements of subsection (2) of this**
- 4 **section shall be a Kentucky public high school graduation requirement.**
- 5 **(c) A student pursuing an early graduation program as established in KRS**
- 6 **158.142 shall complete the required course prior to his or her graduation.**
- 7 **(4) A school district may use the Kentucky Civic Literacy Program to complete the**
- 8 **requirements of subsection (3) of this section.**