

1 AN ACT relating to the civics test required for high school graduation.

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 on July 1, 2018, to graduate from a Kentucky public high school with a
5 regular diploma, a student shall pass a civics test composed of one hundred (100)
6 questions drawn from those that are set forth within the civics test administered by
7 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to
8 become naturalized citizens.
- 9 (2) A local board of education shall prepare or approve a test composed of the
10 questions described in subsection (1) of this section and shall disseminate the test to
11 all public high schools of the district. The test shall be administered by the public
12 high schools in each district.
- 13 (3) A public high school shall provide each student with the opportunity to take the test
14 as many times as necessary for the student to pass the test. A student shall not
15 receive a regular high school diploma until the student passes the test.
- 16 (4) A student passes the test if at least sixty percent (60%) of the questions are
17 answered 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.
- 23 **(7) *By June 30 of each year, each school district shall report data to the Kentucky***
24 ***Department of Education on the civics tests taken during the school year. The***
25 ***department shall compile the data and publicly post a report which includes by***
26 ***grade the number of students who took the test, the number of tests taken, and***
27 ***the scores received during the school year.***