

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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 superintendent of each school district shall determine curricula for course  
10       offerings pursuant to KRS 160.345 that include the instruction required by  
11       subsections (1) and (2) of this section and are aligned with the academic  
12       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.