

1 AN ACT relating to instruction in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases
2 and related matters.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations to*
7 *establish a plan for school districts to provide human sexuality education to*
8 *students in grades four (4) through twelve (12).*

9 *(2) As used in this section, "human sexuality education" shall include age-*
10 *appropriate information in the following instructional areas:*

11 *(a) The prevention of sexually transmitted diseases including the human*
12 *immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and any other virus linked to the acquired*
13 *immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhea, and*
14 *relevant types of hepatitis, as well as any other sexually transmitted*
15 *infections, regardless of mode of transmission;*

16 *(b) Personal body safety;*

17 *(c) Human growth and development;*

18 *(d) Human sexuality and development;*

19 *(e) Development of relationship and communication skills necessary to form*
20 *healthy relationships free of violence, coercion, and intimidation; and*

21 *(f) Responsible sexual behavior, including but not limited to discussion of:*

22 *1. Self-esteem;*

23 *2. Self-discipline; and*

24 *3. Premarital abstinence.*

25 *(3) By July 1, 2019, all local school districts shall have ready for implementation a*
26 *plan approved by the department for providing human sexuality education*
27 *beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, for grades four (4) through twelve (12).*

1 The plan shall be developed by an advisory committee appointed by the local
2 school district superintendent composed of lay persons and professional resource
3 personnel in equal numbers. Participants shall include representatives for:

4 (a) Teachers;

5 (b) School administrators;

6 (c) Guidance counselors;

7 (d) School nurses;

8 (e) Parents;

9 (f) Students;

10 (g) Parent-teacher organizations;

11 (h) Religious groups;

12 (i) Civic groups;

13 (j) Health or mental health agencies; and

14 (k) Appropriate governmental agencies.

15 4) The district plan shall require that:

16 (a) Students receive:

17 1. The equivalent of one (1) week of instruction in each year of grades
18 four (4) and five (5);

19 2. The equivalent of three (3) weeks of instruction in each year of grades
20 six (6) through eight (8); and

21 3. One (1) semester of instruction in any of the secondary grades, nine
22 (9) through twelve (12); and

23 (b) In order to graduate from high school, a secondary school student must:

24 1. Earn one-half (1/2) credit in human sexuality; or

25 2. Score eighty percent (80%) on an assessment developed by the
26 department regarding human sexuality.

27 (5) Each local school district shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to teaching human

1 sexuality in any classroom, make available to the parents and guardians of the
2 students involved information concerning the curriculum and materials to be
3 used.

4 (6) Each local board of education shall establish a procedure whereby any pupil
5 whose parent or legal guardian submits a signed statement listing the areas of
6 human sexuality education which are in conflict with their moral or religious
7 beliefs shall be excused from the requirements of subsection (4) of this section.

8 (7) The district plan for human sexuality education shall be approved by the local
9 superintendent and local board of education. The department shall review each
10 district plan for compliance with administrative regulations promulgated to
11 administer the provisions of this section.

12 (8) Human sexuality education shall be provided by a certified teacher.

13 (9) In-service training shall be conducted by department-approved trainers with
14 expertise in the areas of instruction to be taught. Additional resource personnel
15 used for local training may be recommended by the local district advisory
16 committee and approved according to local policy.