

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 2025-2026 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, Benin, Zulu, Berber, Mutapa, and*  
11 *Zimbabwe; and*

12 *(b) The Mali, Songhai, Carthage, Ghana, Asante, Ethiopian, Aksumite, and*  
13 *Egyptian Empires.*

14 *(2) (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, any United States history course*  
15 *offered by a public middle or high school that is not an advanced placement*  
16 *course and includes instruction on the founding of the United States shall*  
17 *also include instruction on Native American culture and history prior to*  
18 *and after the founding of the United States.*

19 *(b) The Native American instruction required by this subsection shall include*  
20 *but not be limited to instruction on the history and culture of the indigenous*  
21 *peoples of the Eastern Woodlands, Great Basin, Plains, Southwest, Mission*  
22 *Indians, Northwest Coast, Alaska, and Pacific Islands.*

23 *(3) The department shall collaborate with:*

24 *(a) The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage to develop an elective*  
25 *high school course offering in African history; and*

26 *(b) The Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission to develop an elective*  
27 *high school course offering in Native American history.*

- 1 (4) In accordance with KRS 156.160, the board shall:
- 2 (a) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
- 3 African history instruction required by subsection (1) of this section
- 4 developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for African American
- 5 Heritage; and
- 6 (b) Promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for
- 7 Native American history instruction required by subsection (2) of this
- 8 section developed in collaboration with the Kentucky Native American
- 9 Heritage Commission.
- 10 (5) The superintendent of each school district shall determine curricula for course
- 11 offerings pursuant to KRS 160.345 that include the instruction required by
- 12 subsections (1) and (2) of this section and are aligned with the academic
- 13 standards required by subsection (4) of this section.
- 14 (6) The department shall collaborate with the Kentucky Center for African American
- 15 Heritage to develop:
- 16 (a) Recommended curricula for the African history instruction required by
- 17 subsection (1) of this section that are aligned with the academic standards
- 18 required by subsection (4)(a) of this section;
- 19 (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and
- 20 high schools in implementing the academic standards for African history
- 21 instruction required by subsection (4)(a) of this section; and
- 22 (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high
- 23 school instructors to provide the African history instruction described in
- 24 this section.
- 25 (7) The department shall collaborate with the Kentucky Native American Heritage
- 26 Commission to develop:
- 27 (a) Recommended curricula for the Native American history instruction

1           required by subsection (2) of this section that are aligned with the academic  
2           standards required by subsection (4)(b) of this section;  
3           (b) Historical instruction guidelines that provide direction to public middle and  
4           high schools in implementing the academic standards for Native American  
5           history instruction required by subsection (4)(b) of this section; and  
6           (c) Professional development materials to prepare public middle and high  
7           school instructors to provide the Native American history instruction  
8           described in this section.