

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Impact of Sequestration

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

Budget Control Act of 2011 (Pub.L. 112-25, S. 365, 125 Stat. 240, enacted August 2, 2011)

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In accordance with the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011, the failure of an appointed congressional super-committee to reduce spending by \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction over the next 10 years triggered the execution of automatic across-the-board spending cuts (known as “sequestration”) starting July 1, 2013 (for federal fiscal year 2013, which is also school year 2013-14). The final size of the cuts was approximately 5 percent in reduction of federal funds for educational programs in Kentucky for school year 2013-14.

In addition, while Congress currently debates the impact of sequestration for next year (federal fiscal year 2013, school year 2014-15), it is likely that educational programs in Kentucky will face an additional 5% reduction in federal funds in that school year unless Congress takes affirmative action to delay the BCA.

Kentucky Department of Education staff will be going over the impact of sequestration in more detail at the August Kentucky Board of Education meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Sufficient funding for education programs is essential for all students to achieve academic proficiency.

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