

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance (Second Reading)

Applicable Statutes or Regulations:

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 157.320, 158.060, 158.070

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the revisions to 702 KAR 7:125?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The above listed statutes authorize the Kentucky Department of Education to create attendance regulations for Kentucky's local school districts. The attendance regulation provides guidelines for districts to use in calculating student attendance.

Attached is a list of the proposed changes to the regulation that are being recommended. The regulation underwent its first reading in August and is now submitted for approval.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education approve the revisions to 702 KAR 7:125. These changes will allow for necessary updates regarding the calculation of daily attendance.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Revising 702 KAR 7:125 should result in clearer guidance to local districts in the area of attendance reporting and implementation of the Kentucky Student Information System. This will support our efforts to ensure students are college and career ready. Any reduction in effort related to attendance can be redirected to other endeavors such as student data quality.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The proposed changes have been presented to the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel (KDPP) Board of Directors. The KDPP board members submitted proposed changes all of which are addressed in the list of changes that accompany this staff note.

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) requested that the due date for the Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report be set for June 30 and this has been incorporated into the regulation. LSAC's additional feedback, if any, will be reported at the October meeting.

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