

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members (First Reading)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.180; 702 KAR 1:115

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 160.180 requires that school board members receive annual in-service training based on the number of years of experience. The Kentucky Board of Education determines the criteria for fulfilling such requirements. This administrative regulation establishes standards for the annual in-service training of district board members. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) currently provides the majority of school board member training.

The State Auditor for Public Accounts has recently investigated several districts and found unacceptable activities on the part of school administrators. Other school districts have experienced financial crises resulting from mismanagement or simple economic reality. School board members have oversight of the district and must better understand school finance. The proposed changes to this regulation add requirements for annual training in ethics and school finance, a participant evaluation of course offerings provided by KSBA, and designation of additional entities that may offer qualifying training for the flexible hour requirement.

Experience Level	Current Annual Requirement	Proposed Ethics Training Requirement	Proposed School Finance Training Requirement
0 – 3 years	12 hours	Minimum 1 hour annually	Minimum 3 hours annually
4 – 7 years	8 hours	Minimum 1 hour annually	Minimum 2 hours annually
8 years and up	4 hours	Minimum 1 hour annually	Minimum 1 hour annually

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

The proposed changes to the regulation will assist school districts with efficiency in the area of ethics and school finance, which should result in better management.

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