

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**STAFF NOTE**

**Review Item:**

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

**Applicable Statutes or Regulations:**

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 157.320, 158.060, 158.070

**History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* The above listed statutes authorize the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to create attendance regulations for Kentucky’s local school districts. The attached attendance regulation (702 KAR 7:125) provides guidelines for districts to use in calculating student attendance.

The board will review the proposed changes to the regulation at this meeting and then it will come back for approval at the October meeting. These changes will update information about the calculation of daily attendance. A list of proposed changes is attached.

**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 KDE’s efforts to ensure that students are college- and career-ready. Any reduction in district staff time and effort spent on calculating attendance can be redirected to other endeavors such as improving 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) will also review the proposed changes at their upcoming meeting. Their comments will be reported to the board at the August meeting.

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