

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**STAFF NOTE**

**Review Item:**

702 KAR 7:140, School Calendar (First Reading)

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 157.320, 157.350, 158.060, 158.070

**History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* HB 211 in the above listed statutes authorize the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to create school calendar regulations for Kentucky's local school districts. 702 KAR 7:140, the school calendar regulation, provides guidelines for districts to use in providing the required instructional time for students.

The 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly amended KRS 157.350 and KRS 158.070 that require updates to 702 KAR 7:140 concerning school calendars. These changes would update information about the processing and structure of school calendars, including waivers in times of extreme hardship. A list of the proposed changes is attached.

702 KAR 7:140 will come back to the August meeting for approval.

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Revising 702 KAR 7:140 will result in clearer guidance to local school districts in the creation and amendment of school calendars. This will support efforts to ensure that students receive the maximum required amount of instructional time in order to be college- and career-ready.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

The proposed changes were presented to the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel (KDPP) Board of Directors on May 9, 2014. The KDPP board members reviewed and provided comments on the proposed changes, all of which are addressed in the list of changes that accompany this staff note.

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) also will review the proposed changes at its upcoming meeting.

Resulting comments will be reported at the June meeting.

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