

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE DRAFT

Action/Discussion Item:

702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services (Second Reading)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 156.501, 156.502, 158.035, 158.160, 161.145, 214.034, 214.036, 29 CFR 1910.1930

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve 702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The above listed statutes authorize the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to create a school health services regulation for Kentucky's local school districts. The regulation provides guidelines for districts to use in providing school health services to students.

Most of the changes are required by 2014 HB 98, which provides additional requirements for school health policies regarding students with diabetes. A few additional changes are needed to bring the regulation up-to-date. A list of proposed changes is attached.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

Staff recommends approval of the 702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services. The changes bring the regulation into alignment with state law and meet the requirements of HB 98.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Revising 702 KAR 7:160 should result in clearer guidance to local districts in the provision of school health services to students during the school day and at all school-sponsored activities. This will support efforts to ensure that all students, regardless of health conditions, are able to participate fully in all school activities. School health services result in students with better health and better attendance, allowing them to receive the full benefit from instruction.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The proposed changes were presented to the KBE Health Subcommittee in May. Input was received from the Department of Public Health.

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) will also review the proposed changes at their upcoming meeting. Their comments will be provided to the board prior to the August meeting via letter from the LSAC chair.

Groups are generally supportive of the changes and their comments have been addressed where possible.

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