

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Information Item:**

KDE Employment Report

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS Chapter 18A, KRS 156.017, House Bill 502 (Budget Bill-2000 General Assembly), executive order 96-612 and 2013-841, House Bill 727 (1998 General Assembly)

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** The Kentucky Board of Education authorized a minimum 10% minority employment goal for the Department of Education in 1994. In addition the targeted hiring goal for minority employment in all state government is 12.2% effective November 15, 2013, based on the 2010 census data for Kentucky.

The Department of Education's minority employment goal is designed to: 1) provide equal opportunities for recruitment and selection at all levels of the department; 2) mirror the student population of Kentucky's schools; and 3) provide for a multi-talented and diverse workforce that can provide quality leadership and professional services to local school district administrators, teachers, parents, students and citizens.

- The Kentucky Department of Education, excluding the Office of Career and Technical Education, as of the close of business, April 30, 2015, employed 525 full-time employees. (451 non-minority employees/85.9% and 74 minority employees/14.1%)
- The department's Frankfort-based, full-time workforce of 322 employees includes 277 non-minority employees/86.0% and 45 minority employees/14.0%.

During the two-month period from March 1, 2015 – April 30, 2015, there were:

- 10 appointments
- 15 separations from employment
  - 5 separations from support positions
  - 9 separations from professional positions
  - 1 separation from a leadership position

During the two-month period from March 1, 2015 – April 30, 2015, there were:

- 18 positions for which interviews were scheduled

- 535 applicants who expressed an interest in, via self-nomination, those positions
- 186 qualified candidates selected to interview for those positions by the supervisor/manager in the office/division and contacted by Human Resources

The following notations are designed to provide clarification for the preceding statistics:

- All KDE positions are advertised on the KDE website and all positions that require a merit register are posted on the Personnel Cabinet website for 10 days.
- KDE's internal policy requires an interview panel of a minimum of three (3) people, one (1) of whom must be a minority, and a minimum of three (3) candidates must be interviewed, one of whom must be a minority, if qualified and identified.
- KDE's hiring process is subject to and in compliance with Personnel Memo 08-18 that requires the employing agency to offer the opportunity to interview to a minimum of five (5) identified veterans listed on the certified register list. If there are fewer than five (5) identified veterans, then the employing agency shall offer an opportunity to interview to all identified veteran applicants.
- Per Personnel Memo 12-33, the Personnel Cabinet seeks voluntary information from all applicants regarding an applicant's race, gender, or national origin. This information is maintained separately from the official application and assists the Commonwealth of Kentucky in achieving its affirmative action goals. The Personnel Cabinet provides this information along with the certified register list to the agencies. This information is useful in creating a diverse applicant pool for consideration in the hiring process; however, this data is not intended to be used as the determining factor in the hiring decision. This is to ensure compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).
- The Kentucky Department of Education receives certified registers from the Personnel Cabinet that may or may not contain applicants with designated minority status.

The Kentucky Department of Education's hiring is currently subject to the restrictions issued by Governor Beshear's executive order 2008-011. This order implements a process on how personnel actions are to be requested by the agencies and approved by the Governor and the Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet. Attached, please find the relevant section of Executive Order 2008-011.

The following notations are designed to provide clarification for the report in its entirety:

- Full-Time Employee, for the purpose of this report, is defined as all KRS18A and KRS161 employees.
- For the purpose of this report, **Leadership** is all non-graded, non-merit KBE/KDE employees and policy-making positions; **Professional** reflects all KRS18A positions,

grade 15 and above, and all KRS161 positions; and **Support** includes all KRS18A positions grade 14 and below.

- Appointments and separations are not mutually exclusive. As KDE employees are many times the successful candidates for positions, a single move may create a separation and an appointment. For the purpose of this report, a separation includes: resignations, retirements, dismissals, transfers out of KDE, and deaths.

Attached are two charts, one showing overall and minority employment by office and the other showing minority employment historical data.

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**REDUCE THE STATE WORKFORCE THROUGH ATTRITION**

3. The size of the workforce will be reduced through attrition. All hiring actions must be justified as essential to the delivery of services and that funds are available to sustain the position within reduced budgeted amounts. All personnel actions must be justified and approved by the Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet prior to submission to the Personnel Cabinet for processing. This includes approval of actions that increase costs for existing personnel.