

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Teach Kentucky Update

### **Rationale:**

To provide board members more information on Teach Kentucky as requested.

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

KRS 161.048

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** The Kentucky General Assembly, under KRS 161.048, has enacted alternative routes to teacher and administrator certification for persons who have demonstrated exceptional work and/or educational experiences. The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) is the state agency that establishes standards and procedures for the alternative route options. The EPSB provides technical assistance to qualifying individuals who have potential as educators in Kentucky schools, to local boards of education and to institutions of higher education in implementing these options. The various options are listed below:

- Option 1: Exceptional Work Experience Certification
- Option 2: Local District Training Program Certification
- Option 3: College Faculty Certification
- Option 4: Adjunct Instructor Certification
- Option 5: Veterans of the Armed Forces
- Option 6: University-Based Alternative Route to Certification
- Option 7: Institute Alternative Route to Certification
- Option 8: Teach for America (TFA) Alternative Route to Certification

***Summary:*** The focus of this item is Option 6, University-Based Alternative Route to Certification. Teach Kentucky is a Louisville-based nonprofit teacher recruitment organization focused on closing achievement gaps among students in low-income areas. It provides potential educators a new route to certification that allows completion of the preparation program with concurrent employment in a school district. A candidate receives a Temporary Provisional Certificate and participates in the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program or the Kentucky Principal Internship Program. The candidate must complete all requirements within three (3) years (two (2) years for administrators) and pass all required assessments prior to entering the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program.

To be considered for this program, a candidate must:

- Have a bachelor's or master's degree; and
- Meet university admission standards.

Currently, the following districts in Kentucky have Teach Kentucky teachers:

Bullitt County  
Carroll County  
Christian County  
Davies County  
Gallatin County  
Hardin County  
Henry County  
Jefferson County  
Oldham County  
Owen County  
Pike County  
Scott County  
Shelby County  
Spencer County

Mr. Rowan Claypool will provide an update on Teach Kentucky at the June KBE meeting addressing the effectiveness of Teach Kentucky teachers, recruitment, retention and the deployment of financial resources to benefit local districts.

***Budget Impact:*** No impact occurs to state funds due to the Teach Kentucky program.

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