

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma Program (First Reading)

Rationale:

This regulation is being repealed to eliminate redundancy and inefficiency. During its June 2016 regular meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education will be asked to take final action to repeal this regulation.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, KRS 156.160, 704 KAR 3:340

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The Commonwealth Diploma Program outlined in 704 KAR 3:340 was established in the 1980s by the Kentucky Board of Education as a strategy to increase student access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams. With the increase in AP course participation and the successful implementation of AdvanceKentucky, the Commonwealth Diploma Program was no longer necessary. Therefore, a sunset provision was added to the regulation in 2012 to end the program after the 2012-2013 academic year. As a result, no students are proceeding toward a Commonwealth Diploma.

Summary: 704 KAR 3:340 describes guidelines for a program which no longer exists. Thus, it is no longer necessary and needs to be repealed.

Budget Impact: Ending the Commonwealth Diploma Program resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$300,000. Because the program has already sunset, there will be no additional cost savings by repealing 704 KAR 3:340.

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