

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

702 KAR 3:171, Repeal of 702 KAR 3:170, Educational Television Equipment Purchases (*Second Reading*)

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that 702 KAR 3:171 be approved in order to repeal 702 KAR 3:170, Educational Television Equipment Purchases.

Rationale:

To repeal 702 KAR 3:170 in order to eliminate the antiquated and unused regulation related to the purchase of television receivers and stands. Additionally, the Commissioner has directed staff to review all regulations and remove those that are unnecessary. The first reading of 702 KAR 3:171 took place during the June 2016 Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) meeting; it is now back for a second reading and final approval.

Action Question

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve 702 KAR 3:171?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, 156.074, 156.160, 168.100

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 702 KAR 3:170 is titled Educational Television Equipment Purchases. The regulation was originally promulgated in 1975 and was last updated in 1990 after the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act. The regulation permits the Commissioner of Education, in conjunction with the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (KET), to prescribe standards for television receivers, stands and associated equipment purchased by districts.

Summary: This is an antiquated and unused administrative regulation. There are currently no established minimum specifications for the purchase of television receivers or stands. KET has been consulted and supports the repeal of this administrative regulation.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

According to Linda Hume, Senior Director of Finance and Administration, Kentucky Educational Television, 702 KAR 3:170 became obsolete years ago. KET now delivers services primarily via

the Internet. KET has no problem with the repeal of this administrative regulation. In addition, the Local Superintendents Advisory Council was consulted and no concerns were raised about repealing the regulation. A letter from this group expressing its recommendation should be received by the board prior to the August KBE meeting.

Budget Impact: The repeal of this administrative regulation has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education.

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