

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Approval of the Kentucky Board of Education's Legislative Agenda for the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly (Legislative Agenda attachment to be available closer to December meeting)

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the legislative agenda which focuses on necessary updates to align Kentucky's assessment and accountability system with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Rationale:

ESSA requires state education agencies (SEAs) to have changes in place for the 2017-2018 school year. Thus, these legislative changes are necessary to meet the required timeline.

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the legislative agenda for the 2017 Regular Session?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.6453 and KRS 158.6455

History/Background:

Existing Policy: Kentucky Revised Statutes KRS 158.6453 and 158.6455 outline the provisions included in Kentucky's assessment and accountability system.

Summary: The next regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly convenes in January 2017. The legislative agenda will focus on updating relevant statutes to align Kentucky's assessment and accountability system with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Budget Impact: The proposed changes are expected to fall within the current appropriated amounts for state assessments. However, the department will be expected to solicit requests for proposals from potential vendors to provide products or services for the new assessment and accountability system. The potential fiscal impact is unknown at this time, but any potential costs or reductions would be contained in the department's budget request for the next fiscal biennium.

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