

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Policy Adoptions and Amendments

### **Commissioner's Recommendation:**

The Commissioner recommends essential workplace program policies be adopted as part of curriculum and instruction (Chapter 8). The Commissioner also recommends existing policies related to powers and duties of the board (Chapter 1), personnel (Chapter 3), school facilities (Chapter 5), transportation (Chapter 6), curriculum and instruction (Chapter 8) and students (Chapter 9) be approved as amended.

### **Rationale:**

To update legal and best practice to increase the effectiveness of managing the programs and operations at KSB and KSD and ensure compliance with relevant state and federal policies, regulations and statutes.

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

KRS 156.070, KRS 167.015, KRS 167.150, KRS 167.240

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the adoption of proposed, new policies as well as amendments to existing policies for the KSB and KSD?

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** KRS 156.070 gives the KBE the management and control of KSB and KSD. The KDE and the schools have been working with the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) to consider model policies for KSB and KSD. Policies and procedures for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session. These policies provide consistency between the two schools, and are consistent with school districts across the Commonwealth, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

The KBE has previously approved the following policies over the past several years. KSBA organizes policies by chapter. The following chapters have already been adopted for KSB and KSD:

Chapter 1 – Powers & Duties of the Board  
Chapter 3 – Personnel

- Chapter 4 – Fiscal Management
- Chapter 5 – School Facilities
- Chapter 6 – Transportation
- Chapter 7 – Support Services
- Chapter 8 – Curriculum & Instruction
- Chapter 9 – Students
- Chapter 10 – Community Relations

The KBE has not yet adopted the following chapters:

Chapter 2 – Administration

**Summary:** Attached amendments relate to chapters 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. A chart is attached explaining the proposed changes.

**Budget Impact:** Possible fiscal impact includes the potential cost of termination hearings (remote), the development of the program and awards for essential workplace programs, and the cost of seizure disorder and suicide prevention trainings.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Staff has consulted the following groups:

- Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA)
- Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

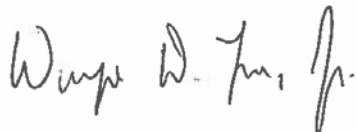
All parties listed above are in support of the proposed policy changes. Comments from the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) should be received by the August meeting.

**Waiver Request:** The commissioner would like to waive the second reading, so the policies may be adopted for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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