KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Amendment to 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Academic Standards (First Reading)

Rationale:

In order to increase the efficiency of the process of reviewing and revising standards, each set of standards will now be contained in separate regulations.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 160.290

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 156.160 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to establish courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools, with the courses of study to comply with the expected goals, outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645, 158.6451 and 158.6453. KRS 156.070(1) requires the KBE to manage and control the common schools and all programs operated in the schools. KRS 160.290 authorizes local boards of education to provide for courses and other services for students consistent with the administrative regulations of the KBE. This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the required academic standards, which contain the general courses of study and academic content standards for use in Kentucky's common schools.

704 KAR 3:303 currently incorporates by reference standards for the arts, English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health, physical education and practical living and career studies. Once each new set of standards is adopted into regulation, 704 KAR 3:303 will only contain the standards for the arts, science, technology and career studies. Eventually all of those standards will be reviewed, revised, and adopted into their own regulations. At that time, 704 KAR 3:303 will be repealed.

Summary: The amendment of 704 KAR 3:303 will increase the efficiency of the process of reviewing and revising standards

Budget Impact: Minimal staff time will be impacted revising the document incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 3:303.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) will review this regulation at its July 24, 2018 meeting.

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