

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### STAFF NOTE

#### **Review Item:**

704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health (First Reading)

#### **Rationale:**

Senate Bill 1 (2017) calls for the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a process for reviewing all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Educators have taught the state's current health education standards in Kentucky classrooms since 2006. As the content standards are revised, they will be incorporated by reference into their own regulation to increase the efficiency of the process for reviewing and revising standards required by SB 1 (2017).

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

KRS 156.070, 156.160, 156.070, 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. This administrative regulation incorporates by reference the required academic standards for health, which contain the general courses of study and academic content standards for use in Kentucky's common schools.

The Kentucky Department of Education began the review and revision process for current academic standards for health in June 2017. Standards outline what students are expected to learn in each grade to successfully transition to the next level of learning, not how they are taught. The curriculum or methods and materials used to teach the standards is decided at the local level.

The current standards review schedule calls for one or two content areas to be reviewed each year and every six years after that on a rotating basis. A process for reviewing and revising language arts and writing academic standards and assessments, mathematics academic standards and assessments, science academic standards and assessments, social studies academic standards and assessments was prescribed in SB 1 (2017). Therefore, a slightly modified process was used for the reviewing and revising of health standards.

Previously, health education standards have been part of the practical living and career studies content area but are being considered separately as required by SB 1 (2017).

**Summary:** The health standards are organized into three different parts: practices, rationales, and performance standards. Practices communicate the broader learning of skills in all grade levels. Rationales provide clarity, direction and understanding for the practices and how they connect to the performance standards. Performance standards are the expectation of what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level. The overall organization enables schools to consider the specific needs of their students and develop skill-based instruction to create meaningful learning experiences.

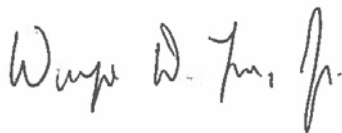
**Budget:** The cost for the reviewing and revision of the health and physical education standards has been \$22,923 thus far. Additional staff time will be impacted through implementation of the standards.

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

- Advisory Panel consisting of teachers, higher education representatives and community members
- Review and Develop Committees consisting of teachers, higher education representatives and community members
- Health focus groups
- The standards were informed by feedback from the public and the health education community. When these standards were open for public feedback, there were 1,337 respondents, 15.5 percent were teachers and 20 percent were parents. There were a total of 11,000 comments.
- The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) will review this regulation at its July 24, 2018 meeting.

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