

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Amendment of 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Academic Standards (Second Reading)

**Date:** October 2018

**Action Requested:** ☐ Review ☐ Action/Consent ☒ Action/Discussion

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the amendment of the *Kentucky Academic Standards* to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (2017) which calls for the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to implement a process for reviewing and revising all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Each set of standards now will be contained in separate regulations.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the amendment of 704 KAR 3:303 in order to increase the efficiency of the standards review and revision process.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

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

### 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 At that time, 704 KAR 3:303 will be repealed.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 of Issue:* This amendment of 704 KAR 3:303 will serve as the first of several amendments needed in order to reflect the required revision process of the *Kentucky Academic Standards*. Since the first reading of this board item, the standards document was revised to strike language in science related to connections in the *Kentucky Academic Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics*, as these connections will have to be updated once new

reading and writing and mathematics standards are adopted. Additionally, language in the “Education Goals” listed on page one of the front matter was updated to reflect the revision of KRS 158.6451 through the passage of SB 1 (2009).

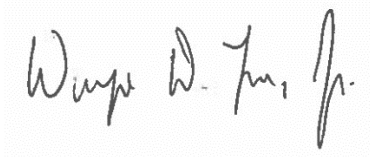
*Budget Impact:* Minimal staff time will be impacted revising the document incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 3:303.

## **GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) will review this regulation at its September 25, 2018 meeting. Feedback will be received prior to the October board meeting.

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