

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Amendments to 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards (Second Reading)

Date: October 2019

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Finance Operations Management

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:303 to meet the requirements of KRS 158.1411 and KRS 158.1413 which require the removal of references to the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Vocational Studies*. Each set of standards now will be contained in separate regulations; the newly revised *KAS for Career Studies*, which will replace the current vocational studies, will be incorporated by reference into 704 KAR 8:080. The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) has authority to review and approve the *KAS* for all of the state’s common schools.

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:

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

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.160, 156.070, 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 160.290, 704 KAR 8:080

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.160 requires the 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.

KRS 158.6453 calls for the KDE to implement a process for reviewing academic standards and aligned assessments, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. While this process was specified for standards in reading/writing, mathematics, science and social studies, it was used to inform the revision of the current state standards for vocational studies, which were adopted in 2006 and incorporated by reference into this administrative regulation.

Summary of Issue:

Because new standards now have been developed and are being promulgated in a new administrative regulation, 704 KAR 8:080 (Required academic standards for career studies and financial literacy), this regulation is being amended to strike all former reference to the previous vocational studies standards found within the document incorporated by reference.

Budget Impact:

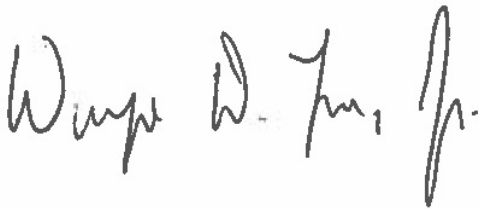
Minimal staff time will be impacted due to the revision of the document incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 3:303.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The regulation was reviewed by the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) and the Local Superintendents Advisory Committee (LSAC) prior to its first reading in August. The regulation will be reviewed a second time by both groups on September 17 and 24, prior to the second reading by the KBE. Comments from these groups should be received prior to the October KBE meeting.

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