

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** 702 KAR 1:180, School Security Risk Assessment Tool (First Reading)

**Date:** February 2020

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

**Held In:** ☐ Full Board ☐ Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment ☒ Operations

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the proposed new regulation, 702 KAR 1:180, School risk assessment tool and the risk assessment tool incorporated by reference therein.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.029, 156.070, 156.160, 158.442, 158.443, 158.444

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

As amended by Senate Bill 1 (2019), KRS 158.443(9) requires the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) to approve a school security risk assessment to be incorporated by reference within an administrative regulation. KRS 158.444 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to promulgate regulations related to school safety.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

In accordance with KRS 158.442, the KCSS is required to “advise the KBE on administrative policies and administrative regulations relating to school safety and security.” Further, KRS 158.443(9)(b) requires the board of directors for the KCSS to “approve a school security risk assessment tool and updates as necessary in accordance with KRS 158.4410 to be incorporated by reference within an administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.” KRS 158.444 requires the KBE to promulgate appropriate regulations related to school safety. Accordingly, this administrative regulation incorporates by reference the school security risk assessment tool approved by the KCSS board of directors.

#### *Budget Impact:*

There is no budgetary impact to the Kentucky Department of Education.

### GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Pursuant to KRS 158.443(9)(b) the KCSS is required to approve the security risk assessment tool. This regulation incorporates by reference the risk assessment tool approved by the KCSS. The regulation will go before the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its January 29 meeting. Comments from this group should be received prior to the February KBE meeting.

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