

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Approval of the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures

Date: August 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 COVID-19 reopening plans for the Kentucky Tech system of Area Technology Centers (ATCs) for the fall of 2020.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.802

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has the responsibility for all administrative functions of the state in relation to the management, control and operation of the secondary ATCs. The ATCs shall be operated in compliance with program standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).

Summary of Issue:

The KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) will share updates on the reopening plans for all state-operated ATCs for the fall of 2020.

Budget Impact:

The reopening plans have an undetermined fiscal impact on each ATC; however, federal aid via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will provide financial support for appropriate expenses. The Kentucky Tech system has been awarded approximately \$4.4M from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund and \$132,500 from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

All reopening guidance has been developed in collaboration with an ad-hoc advisory committee comprised of both state and local Career and Technical Education (CTE) administrators. ATC teacher surveys also were implemented to gather input and concerns on Kentucky Tech reopening plans. Leadership within the KDE OCTE reviewed and approved the reopening recommendations and plans, as well as the KDE Office of Legal Services.

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