

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

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

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 take action on the proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:303, Required 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 2017-2018 school year. Each set of standards now will be contained in separate regulations.

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 8:090

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.

KRS 158.6453 calls for the KDE to implement a process for reviewing all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The current technology standards were adopted in 2008 and are incorporated by reference into this administrative regulation.

Summary of Issue:

As the result of the revision of technology standards being promulgated in a new administrative regulation, 704 KAR 8:090, Required Kentucky Academic Standards for Technology, this regulation will strike out all former reference to the previous technology standards.

Budget Impact:

Minimal staff time was 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 will go before the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its July 28 meeting. Comments from this group should be received prior to the August KBE meeting.

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