KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

 Topic: Kentucky School for the Blind/Kentucky School for the Deaf 2021-2022 Supplemental School Year

 Date: May 2021

 Action Requested:
 Review

 Action/Consent
 Action/Discussion

 Held In:
 Full Board
 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To implement the process established in Kentucky Senate Bill 128 (2021) regarding the 2021-2022 supplemental school year.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the approval of parent/guardian requests for the Supplemental School Year Program.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

Kentucky Senate Bill 128

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

Senate Bill 128 allows currently enrolled K-12 students to request to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year to retake or supplement courses the student has already taken during the 2020-2021 school year. The bill provides that local boards of education must not accept or reject requests on an individual basis but must accept or deny all requests.

Summary of Issue:

Information about the supplemental school year and an electronic request form was sent to parents/guardians of K-12 students enrolled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD). Seven students from KSB and six students from KSD requested to utilize 2021-2022 as a supplemental school year.

Budget Impact:

SB 128 would require the use of additional funds. The amount of additional funds necessary to implement the legislation is unknown, as programming will be determined based upon the individualized needs of students and cannot be predetermined.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

KSB and KSD administrators reviewed the provisions of SB 128 and determined that the schools have the operational capacity to provide supplemental school year services.

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