

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Approval of Annual Amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures

Date: August 2021

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 proposed annual amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures to align and update the policies and procedures with pertinent new legislation, as well as best practices recommended by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA).

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 Area Technology Centers (ATCs). The ATCs shall be operated in compliance with program standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE). The Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures guide the work of the administrators, teachers and staff within the 52 ATCs and ensure consistent practice that is compliant with relevant state and federal statutes, regulations and policies.

Summary of Issue:

The KDE contracts with the KSBA for annual maintenance, revision and upkeep of the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures. The annual changes are intended to amend outdated and/or inapplicable language, align and update the policies and procedures with pertinent new legislation and best practices recommended by the KSBA. The specific policy documents that are impacted by these amendments are attached for review, along with a corresponding summary document.

Budget Impact:

The proposed amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures have no fiscal impact on state funds.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The KSBA has recommended the proposed amendments. Leadership within the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) reviewed and approved the recommendations, as well as the KDE Office of Legal Services (OLS).

The amendments also will be reviewed by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its July 27 meeting. Comments from this group should be received prior to the August KBE meeting.

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