KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Approval of 701 KAR 5:160. Selection and Appointment of Non-Voting Kentucky Board
of Education Members
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:

Subsequent to the enactment of 2021 House Bill 178, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the process for selecting its nonvoting teacher and student members.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE approve 701 KAR 5:160, Selection and Appointment of Non-Voting Kentucky Board of Education Members.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.029(3); 156.070

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

Beginning in 2020, the Kentucky Board of Education joined many states across the country in having a student and an in-service teacher representative on the state board of education. The current members were appointed pursuant to Executive Orders 2020-808 and 2019-002, respectively.

Summary of Issue:

Under 2021 House Bill 178, now codified in relevant part as KRS 156.029, the nonvoting teacher and student members shall be selected by the board from the state's six (6) congressional districts on a rotating basis from different districts. The public high school student shall be classified as a junior at the time of appointment. The teacher and student members shall serve for a one (1) year term. The current members, under this statute, will continue to serve until their terms expire on April 14, 2022. The administrative regulation, once approved, will guide the selection of the future nonvoting teacher and student members.

Under proposed 701 KAR 5:160, the Commissioner's Teacher Advisory Council and the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council would accept applications for those members, respectively. Each council would then select three qualified candidates for its position, which would then be forwarded to the Board of Education for selection of the members. The board

would vote on its selections at the final meeting of each fiscal year – traditionally in early June – and the new members would take their seats on July 1.

Budget Impact:

The non-voting members will receive the standard meeting stipend and travel reimbursement provided to all Kentucky Board of Education members. This conforms to current practice and expenditures.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The proposed regulation will be reviewed by the Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC) at its July 27, 2021 meeting.

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