

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Certification of 704 KAR 8:070, Required Academic Standards for Historical and Cultural Influences of the Bible Elective Social Studies Course

Date: December 2024

Action Requested: ☐ Review ☒ Action/Consent ☐ Action/Discussion

Held In: ☒ Full Board ☐ State Schools ☐ United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the recertification of 704 KAR 8:070, Required Academic Standards for Historical and Cultural Influences of the Bible Elective Social Studies Course.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the recertification of 704 KAR 8:070.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070, KRS 156.160, KRS 156.162, 160.290

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070(1) provides the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) with the management and control of the common schools. KRS 156.160 requires the KBE to promulgate administrative regulations for the courses of study administered in the common 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 Kentucky Board of Education. KRS 156.162 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate an administrative regulation for course standards for an elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures, Old Testament of the Bible, the New Testament of the Bible, or a combination of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of the Bible. This administrative regulation establishes the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Historical and Cultural Influences of the Bible Elective Social Studies Course*.

Summary of Issue:

704 KAR 8:070 is nearing its expiration date. The KBE must approve the recertification of the regulation to avoid expiration.

Budget Impact:

The proposed recertification of this regulation has no fiscal impact on state funds.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The Office of Teaching and Learning reviewed the regulation for verification that it is in compliance with current governing law and requires no amendments.

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