

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**STAFF NOTE**

**Waiver:**

16 KAR 4:080. Request to Waive Out-of-State Recency Requirements for Howard Sims

**Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the out-of-state recency requirement and issue a Kentucky professional certificate for Howard Sims?

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 4:080

**History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** 16 KAR 4:080 requires that an out-of-state prepared educator have completed six semester hours of graduate credit within the five years preceding application for certification in Kentucky if their educator preparation program was completed more than five years prior to the application date.

***Summary:*** Howard Sims is requesting a waiver of the out-of-state recency requirement for issuance of a professional certificate for teaching physical education. Mr. Sims has been a licensed and employed teacher for three years in Arkansas. He states that trying to teach full-time and take master's level courses is very stressful for himself and his family. Mr. Sims has logged sixty plus hours each year in professional development. He does have some graduate level credits and will continue to seek out other opportunities through professional development to further his knowledge. Mr. Sims requests that the EPSB consider his previous experience from out-of-state to waive the out-of-state recency requirement of six graduate hours and issue him the full five-year Kentucky certificate.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

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