

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Lewis County Schools

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Lewis County's request to allow for a fourth issuance of an emergency certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:120

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:120 Section 2(3)(b) provides that "An emergency certificate shall not be issued to the same person in any subsequent year unless the original emergency certificate was issued under the following conditions: 1. The emergency certificate was issued after February 15 of a school year; or 2. The emergency certificate was issued for less than fifty (50) percent of the person's class schedule. (c) If an emergency certificate is issued to a person pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection, there shall be no more than one (1) subsequent issuance of an emergency certificate to the same person." At the February 2024 meeting, the EPSB approved an amendment to 16 KAR 2:120 to allow for two issuances of an emergency certificate, with an additional issuance if one of the above conditions is met.

Summary: Lewis County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a driver's education position. The issues include finding a college or university that offers driver's education programs. The candidate is currently enrolled in a program but needs this emergency certificate to be able to complete the program. The district has posted the position with no applicants. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the number of years an emergency certificate can be offered and issue a fourth emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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