

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Amendments to 703 KAR 5:280, School Improvement Procedures

**Date:** August 2025

**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 to approve the amendments to 703 KAR 5:280, School Improvement Procedures.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approves the amendments to 703 KAR 5:280, School Improvement Procedures

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.346

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:*

703 KAR 5:280 outlines the school improvement procedures for schools identified for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI).

*Summary of Issue:*

House Bill 298 (2025) made a number of significant changes to the school improvement program that require the regulation to be amended. Those amendments are as follows:

- The transition from a three-year CSI identification cycle to a one-year identification cycle.
- Requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to provide turnaround support services to all CSI schools.
- Requires that all schools identified for CSI participate in professional learning activities deemed necessary by the KDE.
- Requires the adoption of evidence-based curriculum and high-quality instructional materials by all CSI schools.
- Removed the requirement for KDE to maintain an approved vendor list.

In addition to these mandated changes, additional amendments have been made to clarify language from the prior version of the regulation. These changes include:

- Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the Turnaround Team and the Advisory Leadership Team.
- Creating clear procedures for the reinstatement of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) council authority following the exit of CSI status.

- Clarifying that no district, regardless of the number of schools identified for CSI, shall have more than one district audit every three years.
- Adding a minority member requirement to the audit team.

*Budget Impact:*

This regulation does not impact the KDE budget.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES: This item will be reviewed by the Local Superintendent Advisory Council at its July 2025 meeting.

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