### **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Information Item:**

Legislative Priorities

#### **Rationale:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should review the legislative priorities that the EPSB approved last year and discuss the priorities for the upcoming 2026 legislative session.

# **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028

## **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy:* In December 2024, the EPSB approved the legislative priorities for the 2025 session. The legislative priorities included funding for internships, financial incentives to support entry to and growth in the profession, and legislation that elevates the profession.

**Summary:** The 2026 legislative session will start in January and will be a sixty-day budget session. The EPSB will need to approve priorities for the upcoming session. The 2025 legislative priorities are included for EPSB review and to facilitate discussion on potential changes that the EPSB wishes to make for the upcoming session.

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

# **Contact Person:**

Cassie Trueblood, Counsel and Policy Advisor Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (502) 564-4606

Email: cassie.trueblood@education.ky.gov