

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Cody Hollon

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to renew Cody Hollon's one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate based on zero hours of college credit?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:020

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:020 establishes the qualifications for certification of teachers of occupation-based career and technical education. Section 3 sets the requirements for subsequent renewals of the one-year provisional certificate, which requires a recommendation from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Specifically, the relevant language states that KDE may only "recommend renewal...after the teacher candidate completes a minimum of six (6) semester hours of college credit...for each renewal."

Summary: OCTE has submitted this waiver on behalf of Cody Hollon, a heavy equipment repair teacher. The candidate states that he and his family were in a serious car accident, which created a hardship for his family. The candidate reports being off work for two weeks, and his wife continues to experience ongoing effects from her injuries, resulting in the candidate having to help take care of her and their two small children. The candidate has enrolled in courses for this summer but is seeking this waiver in case he is unable to successfully complete the courses or in the event the grades are not on his transcript in time to renew before the start of the upcoming school year. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six credit hours for Mr. Hollon and issue him a one-year provisional certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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