

# **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 Greg Gerton

### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to renew Greg Gerton'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 Greg Gerton, a fire service technology teacher. The candidate states that he did not understand from the New Teacher Institute that the credit hour requirement applied at renewal and, instead, mistakenly believes he had five years to complete his degree. The candidate further states that he currently has 112 credit hours towards a bachelor's degree in physical education but was recently informed that his degree must be in CTE or a fire science related field. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six credit hours for Mr. Gerton and issue him a one-year provisional certificate.

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

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