

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)**  
**STAFF NOTE: REVIEW ITEM**

**Topic: Discussion and Guidance on Accountability System Amendments**

**Date:** June 2026

**Action Requested:** Review   Action/Consent   Action/Discussion

**Held In:** Full Board   State Schools   United We Learn

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:**

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Associate Commissioner Jennifer Stafford and staff from the Center for Assessment will review the impact on Kentucky's accountability system resulting from the enactment of House Bill (HB) 257 (2026). The discussion will include a summary of the statutory changes, stakeholder input to date, and items for the Kentucky Board of Education's (KBE) consideration.

The KDE will seek initial guidance from the Board to inform future amendments to 703 KAR 5:270, *Kentucky's accountability system*. Key items to consider are the implementation of two new state indicators: individual student growth in reading and mathematics and chronic absenteeism; and determination of overall accountability weights for each state indicator.

In the coming months, KDE will consult with multiple stakeholders regarding proposed amendments to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's accountability system regulation, as well as options for including Recently Arrived English Learners in school accountability through Kentucky's Consolidated State Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Stakeholders include but are not limited to the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC); KDE's technical advisory committee (KTAC), the Commissioner's Advisory Groups and the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC).

After receiving guidance from the KBE during this meeting and additional stakeholder feedback, the department anticipates bringing a first read of proposed regulation amendments to the Board at its regular meeting in August.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**GOALS/PRIORITIES: Indicate all applicable options.**

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