

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Consent Item:**

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

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to renew Jacob Rambo's one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate based on zero hours of college credit.

#### **Rationale:**

The EPSB's Waiver Committee found exceptional circumstances to justify approval of this waiver request and, accordingly, recommends that this waiver be approved by the EPSB.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the OCTE's request to renew Jacob Rambo'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 of that regulation 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 Jacob Rambo, a welding teacher. Mr. Rambo was unable to take classes during the 2025-26 school year due to a close family member suffering health issues and later passing away. Mr. Rambo applied to Murray State University as of April 15, 2026 and is reportedly currently enrolling in classes for the 2026-2027 academic year. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six (6) credit hours for Mr. Rambo and issue the one-year provisional certificate.

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

#### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

At a Special Meeting on June 16, 2026, the EPSB's Waiver Committee met and reviewed the

waiver request submitted by the OCTE and found exceptional circumstances to justify the waiver. Therefore, the Waiver Committee recommended that this waiver be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the EPSB at its next meeting.

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