

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Agenda Item: Revisions to Board Policy on Collaborative Program Development

Action Question: Should the Board approve a revision to Board of Regents Policy 4.12, Policy on Collaborative Program Development?

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the revision.

Relevant Legal Authority:

- House Bill 4 (2025): AN ACT relating to initiatives regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
 - **(4) Each governing board shall ensure compliance with this section no later than June 30, 2025.**

Background: [Board of Regents Policy 4.12](#) requires for the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Fine Arts degrees, the completion of a defined number of credit hours from the following general education categories:

- Written Communications
- Arts and Humanities
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Natural Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Quantitative Reasoning OR Natural Sciences

Within courses used to fulfill the general education requirements, at least one must carry Cultural Studies status.

At the May 15, 2025 Policy and Planning Committee meeting, staff briefed the Board of Regents on the requirements of House Bill 4, the steps KCTCS has taken to comply, and the actions the Board must take to meet the bill's mandates. Upon the bill's effective date of June 27, 2025, the Board of Regents must ensure compliance by June 30, 2025. The Board's June 12–13, 2025 meeting is the final regularly scheduled meeting before the compliance deadline.

The following paragraph within KCTCS Board of Regents Policy 4.12, Attachment B: Program Description, should be eliminated as a requirement.

~~Please note that all students completing a degree designed for transfer (the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or the Associate in Fine Arts) must complete a course that has been granted Cultural Studies status."~~

June 12-13, 2025 Meeting