

EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2020 Interim

June 11, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:00 AM, in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Brandon Reed, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Max Wise, Co-Chair; Representative Brandon Reed, Co-Chair; Senators Alice Forgy Kerr, Gerald A. Neal, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Tina Bojanowski, Regina Huff, and Steve Riley.

LRC Staff: Joshua Collins, Lauren Busch, and Christal White.

Guests: Todd Allen, Interim General Counsel, KDE; Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner of Assessment and Accountability; David Couch, Associate Commissioner, KDE Office of Technology, Associate Commissioner; Michael Hackwork, Policy Advisor, Office Assessment and Accountability; DeDe Conner, Director of School Data Services Division, KDE; Whitney Crowe, Executive Advisor to the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, KDE; and Jessica Carlton, Office of Finance and Operations, KDE.

Todd Allen, Interim General Counsel, KDE, gave an overview of the proposed regulation, 703 KAR 5:140, the requirements for school and district report card. The amendment to this regulation clarified several definitions, updated statutory and regulatory references, and aligned the regulation with state and federal law requirements. Mr. Allen said school and district accountability ratings were removed from the regulation, although schools are required to publish their ratings on school and district websites. The department also publishes school and district ratings on KDE's website.

Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner of Assessment and Accountability, said the regulation affects five offices within KDE in capturing the federal requirements. The report card contains definitions, requirements on the school- and district-level report card, data verification, and publications. Mr. Allen said the components of the report card provide a means for parents to get detailed, private information via the Parent Portal. Another

component is available for researchers who desire more detail. However, the primary purpose is focused on parents and students.

Michael Hackwork, Policy Advisor, Office Assessment and Accountability, said the number of assaults on teachers or students was previously collected and continues to be collected and reported.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Sims said the dashboard is shown within the school report card and follows statutory language in SB 158 as passed during the 2020 Regular Session.

Mr. Allen said regulation 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System, encompassed both state and federal requirements. The United States Department of Education (USDE) required KDE to include all Grade 12 students as part of the transition readiness indicator for their approval to the Kentucky's consolidated plan. Ms. Sims said Kentucky's transition readiness has included only graduates in the past; however USDE requires all Grade 12 students in the country, whether or not a diploma was earned, to be calculated into the transition readiness indicator formula.

Responding to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Sims said some students may meet benchmarks through the ACT or through other options and said her staff would provide the percentage of graduating students meeting benchmark scores set forth by the Council of Postsecondary Education (CPE). Ms. Sims said the percentage is not incredibly high for students meeting all categories based on the ACT only and said flexibility in the regulations allow students to demonstrate their talents in a variety of ways other than test results.

On a motion by Senator Kerr and a second by Representative Bojanowski, the minutes of the February 7, 2020 meeting were approved by voice vote.

The next meeting of the EAARS committee will be July 7, 2020 at 3 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.