

CHAPTER 221

(HB 387)

AN ACT relating to education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 161.102 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) *Notwithstanding KRS 161.1211, the Education Professional Standards Board shall issue a one (1) year emergency certificate for substitute teaching to any applicant who possesses a minimum of a high school diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma and has met the requirements to receive the certificate as set forth in administrative regulation promulgated by the Education Professional Standards Board, subject to the provisions of KRS 161.120(1).*
- (2) *The Education Professional Standards Board shall issue a five (5) year certificate for substitute teaching to any applicant who possesses a bachelor's degree in any subject area from a regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary education institution.*
- (3) *The Education Professional Standards Board shall issue a ten (10) year certificate for substitute teaching to any applicant who:*
 - (a) *Holds a valid statement of eligibility for a Kentucky teaching certificate;*
 - (b) *Previously held a Kentucky teaching certificate which required the completion of a four (4) year teacher preparation program and a bachelor's degree; or*
 - (c) *Currently holds or previously held a valid out-of-state teaching certificate which required the completion of a four (4) year teacher preparation program and a bachelor's degree.*
- (4) *The issuance of a substitute teaching certificate shall be subject to the provisions of KRS 161.120(1).*
- (5) *The one (1) year emergency certificate for substitute teaching authorized in subsection (1) of this section shall not be valid for:*
 - (a) *Full-time employment with a school district as a substitute teacher; or*
 - (b) *The replacement of the teacher of record for more than twenty (20) consecutive instructional days*~~[Any applicant for emergency substitute teaching who possesses a bachelor's degree in any subject area from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of postsecondary education shall be granted a certificate for substitute teaching from the Education Professional Standards Board subject to the provisions of KRS 161.120(1). This certificate shall enable the applicant to apply for substitute teaching in any subject area for any grade level in any local school district].~~

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Kentucky Department of Education may enter into an agreement with any building and construction trade organization to develop a training program for school counselors providing services to students in the Commonwealth. The purpose of the training program shall be to promote building and construction trades and training facilities available to students by making school counselors aware of what is available to students participating in the building and construction trade. The training program shall include information relating to:*
 - (a) *The pay and benefits available to people who work in the building and construction trades; and*
 - (b) *Job opportunities, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, and pathways within the building and construction trade industry.*
- (2) *The participating trade organization shall ensure ample opportunities for school counselors that serve grades seven (7) through twelve (12) to complete the training created under subsection (1) of this section annually and shall bear all costs associated with the training. The participating trade organization may choose to offer professional development opportunities to teachers who serve students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12), if resources are available for this purpose.*

- (3) *The department shall include the training program created in this section on the electronic consumer bulletin board created pursuant to KRS 156.095(9) if requested by the training program.*
- (4) *A school counselor serving students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) may complete four (4) hours of training developed under this section which shall count towards the twenty-one (21) hours required annually pursuant to KRS 156.101(4)(b)2.*
- (5) *Local boards of education or school-based decision making councils may incorporate this training as part of the four (4) days of professional development required pursuant to KRS 158.070(3)(a) for teachers who serve students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) if offered by the participating trade organization.*

Signed by Governor April 19, 2024.