

Policy Connection

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Policy related bills

KSBA policy and legal staff are keeping an eye on bills introduced in the 2009 General Assembly that may have policy implications. Here are just a few of those House (HB) and Senate (SB) bills:

BILL #	POLICY CODE	POLICY TOPIC
HB 141	01.11	Medical and dental insurance coverage of school board members and their families
HB 11	02.4241 and 08.1	Physical activity for children
SB 6	02.4241 and 09.2	Physical activity in schools
HB 33	03.113 and 03.212	Wage discrimination
HB 72	03.113 and 03.212	Civil rights
HB 256	03.121, 03.221, 08.3	Minimum school term
HB 327	03.123	Granting a leave of absence to a teacher or superintendent for reasons deemed necessary
HB 41	03.1321 and 03.2321	Operation of a motor vehicle
HB 294	03.1324 and 03.2324	School district employees and political activities
HB 82	03.27 and 03.29	Classified employee benefits
HB 154	08.113	High school diplomas
SB 3	08.113, 08.1132	Early high school graduation
HB 306	08.22	Parent-teacher conferences
HB 12	08.222	Writing portfolios
HB 147	08.222	Writing portfolios
HB 189	09.111, 09.121, 09.122, 09.123	Raising compulsory school attendance age
SB 44	09.111, 09.3 and 09.313	Interscholastic athletics and home school students
HB 124	09.123, 09.1232, 09.12321, 09.1233	Excused school absence
HB 8	09.13	Voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints in public schools
HB 112	09.14	Public performances
HB 69	09.211	Immunizations
HB 38	09.227	Sex offenders
HB 179	09.3, 09.313	Participation of home-schooled students in interscholastic extracurricular activity
HB 101	09.33	Minors soliciting contributions on highways
HB 43	09.34	High school newspapers

Waiver of March 1 allocation notification for 2009-10

On Feb. 11, the KSBA Policy Service notified all superintendents about action by the Kentucky Board of Education to extend this year's deadline from March 1 to May 1 for notifying school councils of 2009-10 allocations. As a result, districts are advised to review all dates/deadlines stated in policies 02.4331 and 02.4242. If your board policy 02.4331 requires councils, after receiving their allocation notice, to report back to the board by a certain date (example, March 31) the number of persons to be employed in each job classification, be advised that in setting any new "report back" timeline for councils, a district needs to keep in mind statutory deadlines for personnel action. If personnel action is necessary following council action, the district must leave itself sufficient time to comply with those personnel deadlines.

— Policy/Procedure Reference 02.4242/02.4331/03.17/03.27

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Senior consultant returns

Welcome back to Senior Policy Consultant Steve Wilson, who rejoined the Policy staff in January following completion of his second tour of military duty in Iraq. Any policy-procedure related requests can be forwarded to Steve at 1-800-372-2962, ext. 1216 or steve.wilson@ksba.org. He looks forward to hearing from you soon!

Welcome, new policy service members!

- Administrative Procedures and Online Manual Services - *Cloverport Independent and Dawson Springs Independent Boards of Education.*
- Employee Handbook Service - *Washington County Board of Education.*

Mileage rate update

If your district reimburses for mileage at the state rate, be advised that the rate per mile effective January 1 through March 31, 2009 is 37 cents per mile. This information can be reviewed quarterly via this link:

<http://finance.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/302ECDAC-1437-4C16-8C9E-3F214D7578D9/0/Mileagerateforwebsite1208.pdf>

— *Policy/Procedure Reference 03.125/03.225*

Coming attractions

2009 brings the following training opportunities for district personnel and board members:

KSBA Third Annual Federal and State Law Update

- 2009 Legislative Session - New Laws
- 2009 Policy and Procedure Update Preview
- New FMLA, FERPA and ADA Regulations
- Administrative and Case Law Updates

These policy-related topics will be addressed at a training set for May 22, 2009 at the Lexington Marriott Griffin Gate.

To register, click on the related link on the KSBA Web site (www.ksba.org), which will be available in April. Individuals scheduled to attend the conference, but planning to register on site, should notify Jolene Shearer (jolene.shearer@ksba.org or 1-800-372-2962, ext. 1107) so she can make sure we have an

accurate lunch count. The registration fee is \$170.

KOSAA summer conference

Current and prospective members of the Kentucky Organization of Superintendents' Administrative Assistants, mark your calendar now! In June, registration information for the next meeting of KOSAA will be available on the KSBA web site. That meeting is set for Friday, July 10 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will include an invitation for your superintendent or other individuals to dine with you at lunch. Our Program Planning Committee will be gearing up to provide another exciting program.

Looking for ways to save money?

Here are a few suggestions from the KSBA policy staff:

- Reduce the number of paper copy sets of policies and procedures that KSBA maintains for your district. In addition to saving staff time spent replacing revised pages throughout the school year, your district can save \$30 per set per year for copying/mailing of policy sets and \$25 per year for administrative procedure sets.
- Use your online manual service from KSBA and a projector, rather than making paper copies, during discussions by the board or student/staff/parent orientation and training sessions.
- Free up staff time and promote consistency with Board policy provisions by subscribing to the KSBA Employee Handbook Service, which will provide you with an electronic copy of your district's handbook to be posted on your school/district Web site(s).
- Free up even more staff time, and realize substantial savings for your district over time in paper, binding, and delivery costs by subscribing to the KSBA eMeeting Service.

For more information on these tips, please contact any policy staff member at 1-800-372-2962. Please note the new extension numbers:

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Your online connection

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