



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Superintendents Advisory Council**  
**SUMMARY**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Danny Adkins, Carrie Ballinger, Doug Bechanan, Thom Cochran, Michael Ford, Damian Johnson, Mark Kopp, Matthew Madding, Misty Middleton, Marty Pollio, Tim Spencer, Robert Tuck, Leonard Whalen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chuck Abell, Doug Bennett, Joe Buerkley, Matthew Constant, Robbie Fletcher, David Gilliam, Sanford Holbrook, Jason Radford, Patrick Richardson, Wayne Roberts, Bill Thorpe, Henry Webb

**SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item:** New Legislation Q&A

**Presenters:** Brian Perry, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education and Todd Allen, General Counsel, Office of Legal Services, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Brian Perry and Todd Allen joined the Superintendents Advisory Council to give a 2023 update on legislation. Superintendents heard several updates that included House Bill 3 (HB 3) that addresses juvenile justice reform and how young people are processed through the courts. House Bill 538 (HB 538) deals with the length of time a student can be expelled.

**Agenda Item:** School-based Mental Health Provider Use of Time: Data Analysis and Recommendations Based on Senate Bill 8 (2022) Legislation

**Presenter:** Heather Bushelman, Program Coordinator, Office of Teaching and Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Heather Bushelman gave a breakdown of the overall school counselor statewide survey data from 2022. As a result of the survey's data, Bushelman recommended the following to district superintendents: Consider allocations for school counselors and school-based mental health providers to allow student access to these professionals, examine the role of the school counselor and the assigned tasks to ensure that the majority of their time is spent

with students versus time on “inappropriate” tasks, and consider supports the district may need in order to continue growth towards meeting student needs based on school counselor recommendations from Kentucky. Though the data is still being analyzed, the information is needed and will help guide future counseling protocols.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 20, 2023