

TITLE: SJR 98 and Academic Programming

DESCRIPTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee discussed the SJR 98 report recommendations to strengthen review and approval of non-degree academic programs.

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COMMITTEE'S REVIEW

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information update at their January 16, 2024, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the January 19 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions. A copy of the slides presented are included in your materials.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council to define and approve the offering of all technical, certificate, diploma, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree at public postsecondary institutions. It also mandates that the Council expedite the approval of requests from KCTCS for new programs of a vocational-technical and occupational nature.

SJR 98 RECOMMENDATION

The [Findings and Recommendations pertaining to SJR 98](#) Report was released on December 1, 2023. Including in those recommendations were that CPE should strengthen its review and approval of non-degree academic programs, including short-term certificates, and more routinely review and terminate programs of limited relevance and quality. Staff will discuss the current approval process and possible next steps.