

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: R277-490, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program (Amendment)

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

That the Committee approve R277-490, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

**Background:**

R277-490 is being amended due to the passage of [HB 1](#) from the 2024 Legislative Session. The new language requires USBE to establish a uniform BTS grant amount. The draft changes establish the grant amount based on elementary school teacher average costs statewide or prior year certified BTS salaries.

Two drafts of R277-490 have been prepared to support the conversation. The drafts are identical with the exception of the language on lines 137-140 of both drafts. Draft 1 (Option 1) distributes the uniform amount per BTS Arts educator regardless whether the uniform amount would provide more funds to the LEA or consortium than the cost of the arts educator's salary and benefits. Draft 2 (Option 2) distributes the lesser of the uniform amount or the actual salary plus benefits for the applicable arts educator. Option 2 will allow remaining funds to be distributed to add additional arts educators in schools.

In both drafts, if the actual cost of an arts educator's salary plus benefits exceeds the uniform amount, the LEA will pay the difference with local funds.

Staff will present R277-490, Drafts 1 and 2, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53F-2-506](#)

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**Attachments:**

1. R277-490 - Draft 1 - April 2024 Committee Final with hyperlinks
2. R277-490 - Draft 2 - April 2024 Committee Final with hyperlinks
3. R277- 490- Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

