

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: R277-602, Carson Smith Scholarship Funding and Procedures (Amendment)

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board approve R277-602, Carson Smith Scholarship Funding and Procedures, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**Background:**

As a result of [SB 44](#) in the 2024 legislative session, the Legislature changed what the Carson Smith Scholarship will look like going forward. After this school year, while current participants may continue to receive funding under the program, future applicants will be considered under the new Carson Smith Opportunities Scholarship, which is the successor to the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship program. Staff recommends amending R277-602 to incorporate these legislative changes.

Staff will present R277-602, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

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

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**Attachments:**

1. R277-602 - Draft 1 - April 2024 Committee
2. R277-602 - Draft 1 - May 2024 Board
3. R277- 602- Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form