

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-301, Educator Licensing (Amendment)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approves R277-301, Educator Licensing, Draft 2, on the second and final reading.

Background:

During the 2024 school year, public feedback was requested in relation to proposed changes to R277-301 Educator Licensing. In the spring of 2024, the rule went through the Law and Licensing Committee and then the full Board in May. AEL (Associate Educator License) is a temporary license allowing an educator a timeframe to meet the requirements for a professional license and still be employed as an educator. Recent amendments to R277-301 eliminated the AEL renewal for all educators while allowing an extension to take place at the request of the educator's employing LEA. The AEL extension now requires LEA employment. The rule change unintentionally created an inequity for private school educators. Boardmembers Earl, Kerry, and Hart requested that an amendment be prepared, which allows an accredited private school to request an extension for an AEL on an employee's behalf.

Staff will present R277-301, Draft 2, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [53E-6-201](#); [53E-3-401](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-301 - Draft 2 - October 2024 Board
2. R277-301 - Draft 1 - Earl - September 2024 Committee
3. R277-301 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form