

## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: R277-608, Prohibition of Corporal Punishment in Utah's Public Schools (Amendment)

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

That the Committee approve R277-608, Prohibition of Corporal Punishment in Utah's Public Schools, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

**Background:**

Staff is suggesting changes to both R277-608 and R277-609 to include updates from HB 84 from the 2024 session and to provide greater clarity to the field. Both rules have become very lengthy over the years with frequent additions. The suggested changes include moving all of the content related to when school employees may use reasonable and necessary physical restraint in educational settings is moved from R277-609 and is now in the draft of R277-608.

These changes are aimed at ensuring that the policies are consistent with the law and provide clear guidelines for the use of emergency safety interventions and discipline in schools.

Staff will present R277-608, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#)(4); [53G-8-301](#) through [305](#)

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**Attachments:**

1. R277-608 - Draft 1 - November 2024 Committee
2. Summary of Public Comment and Feedback for Proposed Updates to R277-608

