

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: Waiver to Initiate Targeted Standards Review Process for HB 281 Compliance

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** The Board approve the waiver to engage in a targeted standards review process for Health Standards.

**Purpose of Memo:**

Result of legislative action

**Background:**

**The recent adoption of H.B. 281, Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments, mandates changes to health standards, including a greater emphasis on abstinence, the incorporation of the "success sequence," and the prohibition of instruction on certain sensitive topics. These revisions are required by July 1, 2026. However, adhering to the established standards revision process would make meeting this legislative deadline impossible. Furthermore, the curriculum outlined in H.B. 281 has already undergone a public input process, meaning additional public comment would not alter these legislated requirements. A waiver from the**

**established standards review process is necessary to meet the legislative deadline. We propose a targeted review process to achieve this.**

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**Attachments:**

1. Board Memo \_ Standards Waiver