

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:

The Committee approve a waiver to engage in a targeted standards review process and forward to the full board for approval.

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: Targeted Standards Revision Process