

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment (Amendment)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, Draft 3.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

Staff is proposing changes to R277-608 in response to recent legislation from the 2025 session. SB 170, School Discipline Amendments, made changes to code surrounding the use of Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI) in Utah schools. The changes being proposed in this rule include: amending the definition of "seclusionary time out," amending LEA policy requirements, and increasing the reporting requirements for LEAs using ESI. The Oversight category is also being increased from a 2 to a 3 given the increased reporting and monitoring requirements from SB 170.

Staff will present R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, 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 3 - September 2025 Committee
2. R277-608 - Draft 2 - August 2025 Committee
3. R277-608 - Draft 1 - June 2025 Committee
4. R277- 608- Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

