

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

5-year review

Background:**Background & Urgency:**

This agenda item is strictly to initiate the standard 5-year continuation process for R277-607. Action must be taken by the Committee at this time to ensure the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) meets the upcoming Office of Administrative Rules (OAR) filing deadline. Failure to start the continuation process now will result in the rule expiring.

Pending Policy Updates:

While several policy changes regarding absenteeism and truancy were passed during the 2026 legislative session that will eventually need to be incorporated into R277-607, this continuation does not include those updates.

Reason for Delay: The newly required legislative changes are dependent upon the finalization of other rules and policies that USBE staff are currently actively developing.

Next Steps: To prevent rule expiration in the interim, staff recommends approving this continuation as-is. Staff plans to bring R277-607 back to this Committee within the next few months for a comprehensive review and to formally amend the rule with the 2026 legislative changes once the prerequisite policies are established.

Staff will present R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention, Continuation, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53G-6-206](#); [53G-9-804](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-607 - Draft 1 - April 2026 Committee