

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-460, Distribution of Substance Abuse Prevention Account (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee continue and approve R277-460, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

5-year review

Background:**Background of the Rule**

Rule R277-460 outlines the distribution and administration of the Board's share of the state Substance Abuse Prevention Account. By statute, these funds are allocated to the Board to support proactive educational activities designed to eliminate the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and controlled substances. The rule establishes the funding formula, reserving a portion of funds for state-level program administration, statewide prevention training, and educational materials. It also establishes the application procedures for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to receive the remaining distributions (at least 55% of the fund) to supplement their local prevention and intervention efforts.

In accordance with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, administrative rules must be reviewed and continued every five years to remain in effect. R277-460 is approaching its five-year expiration date and requires Board action to be continued.

Summary of Proposed Changes

Because the underlying statutes governing the Substance Abuse Prevention Account have not been substantially altered by recent legislation, staff is bringing R277-460 forward primarily for continuation to prevent the rule from expiring.

The proposed amendments are strictly technical in nature. The changes update stylistic formatting, replace awkward phrasing with standard "this rule" references, and align terminology regarding the Superintendent's grant application process to improve overall clarity for LEAs. No substantive programmatic or funding changes are being proposed at this time.

Staff will present R277-460, Distribution of Substance Abuse Prevention Account, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); 53G-10-405; 51-9-405

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Attachments:

1. R277-460 - Draft 1 - June 2026 Committee
2. R277-460 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form