

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-721, PRIME Pilot Program (Repeal & Reenact)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee approve R277-721, PRIME Pilot Program, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

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HB 260 (2025) established the Utah First Credential Program and directed the Board to make rules governing implementation and incentive grants. Subsequent legislation amended the program in 2026. R277-721 implements the Board's current rulemaking responsibilities under Section 53E-10-310.

Summary of Proposed Changes

The proposed amendments repeal the existing R277-721, which governs the Utah PRIME Program, and replace it with a new rule implementing the Utah First Credential Program. The new rule establishes requirements for grant administration, incentive grant tiers, performance and reporting, coordination with computer science grants, certification program procurement and implementation, monitoring, and the use of grant funds.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-721 - Draft 1 - September 2026 Committee
2. R277-721 - Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form

