Subject:
ACTION: R277-625, Mental Health Screeners (Amendment)

Agenda item type:
Action Item

Recommended Action:
That the Board approves R277-625, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Background:
This rule is being amended to correct a procedural inconsistency with related rules and deadlines.

The rule is being changed to remove the May 1 deadline from the rule regarding when an LEA needs to notify USBE staff regarding the intent to offer mental health screeners and if they are using a screener from the approved list or seeking Board approval for a screener not on the list. The reason for removing this deadline is that related grant programs for the hiring of mental health personnel (School-base Qualified Mental Health Grant, and the Teacher Student Support Accounts) have deadlines that do not align with the May 1st deadline. This requires LEAs to then make an assertion about mental health screeners prior to when they would be able to submit and have approved, plans to hire personnel who's duties may include administering mental health screeners. For this reason staff is asking for flexibility in the notice deadline to allow staff to align that deadline with existing grant program deadlines.

Staff will present R277-625, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law:  Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53F-2-522

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Attachments:
1. R277-625 - Draft 1 - August 2022 Committee
2. R277- 625 - Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form