

1 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MODIFICATIONS**

2 2020 SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen**

5 House Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions relating to the Department of Health.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ amends the qualifications and other provisions relating to the executive director of the
13 Department of Health.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 This bill provides a special effective date.

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **26-1-9**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 141

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **26-1-9** is amended to read:

24 **26-1-9. Executive director -- Qualifications.**

25 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the executive director shall be a physician who
26 is a graduate of a regularly chartered and legally constituted medical school, licensed to practice
27 medicine and surgery in all branches in the state, who has successfully completed:



28 (a) a master's degree of public health from an accredited school of public health or from
29 an accredited program of public health and has at least three years professional full-time
30 experience in a senior level administrative capacity; or

31 (b) at least one year's graduate work in an accredited school of public health and has at
32 least five years professional full-time experience, of which at least three years have been in public
33 health in a senior level administrative capacity.

34 (2) If the executive director is not a physician under Subsection (1), the executive director
35 shall:

36 (a) (i) have successfully completed at least a master's degree of public health or public
37 administration from an accredited school of public health or from an accredited program of public
38 health or public administration; and

39 (ii) have at least five years of professional full-time experience, of which at least two
40 years have been in public health in a senior level administrative capacity; or

41 (b) have at least ~~seven~~ five years of professional full-time experience in public health
42 programs, of which at least ~~five~~ three years have been in a senior level administrative capacity.

43 (3) An executive director shall be thoroughly informed and experienced in all aspects of
44 public health work.

45 (4) If the executive director is not a physician~~[-, the]~~:

46 (a) the executive director shall appoint a chief medical advisor who is a physician licensed
47 to practice medicine in the state; and

48 (b) the deputy director of the department shall ~~[be a physician who has]~~ have:

49 (i) successfully completed at least one year's graduate work in an accredited school of
50 public health or an accredited program of public health[-]; and

51 (ii) at least five years of professional full-time experience in public health programs.

52 **Section 2. Effective date.**

53 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
54 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
55 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the
56 date of veto override.