

Senator Allen M. Christensen proposes the following substitute bill:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MODIFICATIONS**

2020 SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen**

House Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to the Department of Health.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► amends the qualifications and other provisions relating to the executive director of the Department of Health.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the executive director shall be a physician



26 who is a graduate of a regularly chartered and legally constituted medical school, licensed to  
27 practice 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  
29 from 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  
33 public health in a senior level administrative capacity.

34 (2) If the executive director is not a physician under Subsection (1), the executive  
35 director 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  
38 public 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  
43 capacity.

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

46 (4) If the executive director is not a physician~~, the~~:

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

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

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

52 (b) if the individual described in Subsection (4)(a) is not a physician licensed to  
53 practice medicine in the state, a deputy director of the department shall be a physician who has  
54 experience in public health and is licensed to practice medicine in the state.

55 Section 2. **Effective date.**

56 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect

57 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
58 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
59 the date of veto override.