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In the interim since 1997 SB-95 was drafted, DWD has amended ch. DWD 72, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the minimum wage, by eliminating the subminimum wage for minors, other than minors employed in agriculture, and by replacing the probationary wage with an "opportunity wage" for employes under 20 during their first 90 days of employment with a particular employer. Accordingly, this draft differs from 1997 SB-95 insofar as this draft does not provide for a separate, lower minimum wage for minors, other than minors employed in agriculture. As such, a minor, other than an agricultural worker, is entitled to the same minimum wage as an adult. The draft also differs from 1997 SB-95 in that the draft uses DWD's term, that is, "opportunity wage", rather than "probationary wage" to describe the minimum wage payable to a person under 20 years of age who has been employed for a cumulative total of 30 calendar days or less within the preceding 3-year period.

If you have any questions about this draft, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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