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SUBJECT: **Notice and Report for Final Draft Form of Proposed Rule
Clearinghouse Rule 23-027 – Chapter DWD 310**

Pursuant to s. 227.19 (2), Stats., the Department of Workforce Development (Department) is submitting for legislative review the attached proposed rule in final draft form for Clearinghouse Rule 23-027, which repeals ch. DWD 310. The governor approved this proposed rule on August 17, 2023. The analysis required under s. 227.14 (2), Stats., is included in the proposed rule. Also attached is the Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis and the Rules Clearinghouse report and comments.

Basis and Purpose

Chapter DWD 310 establishes fees for training services and materials related to the general aptitude test battery (GATB) that are furnished by the Department to governmental and nonprofit organizations. The GATB was a series of tests developed by the U.S. Department of Labor for measuring basic skills, including math, reading, and manual dexterity, that was used primarily for applicants for apprenticeships and skilled industrial or manufacturing positions. However, use of the GATB was discontinued more than 20 years ago and the Department no longer provides GATB-related training services and materials. Therefore, ch. DWD 310 is obsolete, and the Department proposes this rule to repeal the chapter.

Public Hearings

The Department did not hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period on the Statement of Scope for the proposed rule. The Department held a public hearing on the proposed rule on June 22, 2023. No comments were received at the public hearing.

Changes to the Analysis or Fiscal Estimate

The Department revised the analysis to indicate the deadline for comments. The Department made no other changes to the analysis or fiscal estimate.

Responses to Rules Clearinghouse

The Rules Clearinghouse reviewed the proposed rule and had no comments on it.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and Response to SBRRB

The proposed rule does not affect small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. Therefore, the Department did not submit the proposed rule to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) and a final regulatory analysis is not required.