Clearinghouse Rule 00-004

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)) SS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION)

I, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rule relating to the youth options program was duly approved and adopted by this Department on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility (GEF) 3, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, in the city of Madison, this 25^{4h} day of May, 2000.

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John T. Benson State Superintendent State Department of Public Instruction

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ORDER OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AMENDING RULES

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The state superintendent of public instruction hereby repeals PI 40.055 (3) (a) 1. and 2., renumbers and amends PI 40.055 (3) (a) (intro.), and creates PI 40.056, relating to the youth options program.

ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Statutory authority: ss. 118.55 (9) and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 118.55, Stats.

1999 Wisconsin Act 9 amended the youth options program under s. 118.55, Stats. Chapter PI 40 will be modified to conform to the changes made under the Act by including the following provisions.

- A school board will pay an amount equal to tuition, course fees and books for courses taken for high school credit at a technical college, regardless of the number of credits eligible for high school credit. Currently, the rule requires two different payment methods depending on whether a student takes more or fewer than 7 credits at a technical college.
- When a pupil gains 12th grade status, as determined by the school board of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled, the pupil may participate in the youth options program for no more than two consecutive semesters.
- If a school board is required to pay tuition to a postsecondary institution on behalf of a pupil enrolled under the program, the tuition charged cannot exceed the amount that would be charged a resident of the state.

Because the proposed rules have been modified to conform to current statutory language, the department will not hold public hearings regarding these rules as provided under s. 227.16 (2) (b), Stats.

SECTION 1. PI 40.055 (3) (a) (intro.) is renumbered PI 40.055 (3) (a) and as renumbered is amended to read:

PI 40.055 (3) (a) Except as specified under par. (b) and sub. (1) (b), the school board of the school district in which a pupil is enrolled and attending a technical college for any postsecondary course that is taken and approved by the school board for high school credit shall pay the technical college district board, in 2 installments payable upon initial enrollment and at the end of the semester, the following amount: for those courses taken for high school credit, an amount equal to the cost of tuition, course fees and books for the pupil at the technical college.

SECTION 2. PI 40.055 (3) (a) 1. and 2. are repealed.

SECTION 3. PI 40.056 is created to read:

PI 40.056 Limitations on participation and payment. (1) When a pupil gains 12th grade status, as determined by the school board of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled, the pupil may participate in the program under this chapter for no more than 2 consecutive semesters.

(2) If a school board is required to pay tuition on behalf of a pupil under s. PI 40.05 (3) (a) 1. or 3. a., or 40.055 (3)(a), the tuition charged may not exceed the amount that would be charged a pupil who is a resident of this state.

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The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month commencing after the date of publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated this 25^{44} day of May, 2000

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John T. Benson State Superintendent