

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD AND SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the authority given in s. 115.28 (7) (a) and (c), Stats.; and interpreting s. 118.19 (14) (a), Stats.; the Department of Public Instruction will hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period as provided in s. 227.136 (2), Stats., to consider promulgation of administrative rules under a statement of scope on a proposed administrative rule to amend Chapter PI 34, relating to changes to PI 34 as a result of 2019 Wisconsin Act 44. Any comment received will also be considered for the development of the economic impact analysis required for rulemaking under s. 227.137 (3), Stats.

The proposed rule seeks to make changes to ch. PI 34 to conform the rule to changes in statute as a result of 2019 Wisconsin Act 44, including rules around what constitutes satisfactory completion of a course of study that a special education teacher may complete as an alternative to the Foundations of Reading Test (FORT).

The hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time: January 3, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: GEF 3 Building, Room 041, 125 South Webster St., Madison, WI 53703

Pursuant to s. 227.135 (1), Stats., a statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate, and shall include a description of the objective the rule, a description of existing policies relevant to the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives, the statutory authority for the rule, estimates of the amount of time that is expected to develop the rule, a description of entities affected by the rule, and a summary of any federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule. Pursuant to s. 227.136 (7), Stats., a preliminary public hearing and comment period on a statement of scope does not relieve the agency of its obligation to hold an agency hearing on proposed rules under s. 227.16, Stats., after proposed rules are available for review.

Accessibility

Due to security upgrades at the GEF 3 building, those who plan to attend the hearing are required to present photo identification at the security desk near the Webster Street entrance.

The hearing site is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation to access the meeting, please call Carl Bryan at (608) 267-9127, or by using the contact information provided below, at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Reasonable accommodation includes materials prepared in an alternative format, as provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The purpose of this hearing to consider public testimony on the scope statement under consideration. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and will be afforded the opportunity to make a presentation of their position on the proposed rule orally or in writing. Questions or comments about the scope statement under consideration may be posed and will be duly recorded.

Individuals who are unable to attend the hearing but would like to submit written comments may do so via the Department's form for submitting comment at <https://forms.gle/YHxW7cDqSu7QKCBcA>. Questions or additional testimony may be accepted by using the contact information below. Written comments on the statement of scope received no later than the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

Agency Contact Person

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The statement of scope for the proposed rule is available to review at <https://dpi.wi.gov/legislative-policy-outreach/administrative-rules> or http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.