

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Department of Public Instruction will hold a public hearing as required under s. 227.16, Stats., to consider the promulgation of administrative rules under SS 073-21 on a proposed administrative rule to amend Chapter PI 36, relating to general updates to open enrollment procedures. 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 hearing will be held via conference call only in the manner as follows:

Date and Time: Friday, September 10th, at 10:30 a.m.

Location (Conference call only): Phone Number +1 608-620-9781 Conference ID: 497 543 367#

The objective of the proposed rule is to make the following updates that are necessary for improving the administration of ch. PI 36 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code:

- 1) Clarifying s. PI 36.04 (3) (f) to specify that a student's open enrollment application does not need to be guaranteed approval only if special education services are not available in the nonresident school district.
- 2) Clarifying s. PI 36.06 (1) to specify that a parent is prohibited from submitting multiple applications to the same nonresident school district for the same school year if their initial application has been denied.
- 3) Conforming s. PI 36.06 (1) (b) to recent changes in statute under 2021 Wisconsin Act 19 and specifying that applications to virtual charter schools are exempt from the 3 nonresident school district maximum.
- 4) Clarifying s. PI 36.09 to specify that compulsory school attendance responsibility goes back to the resident school district after a pupil is withdrawn from open enrollment.
- 5) Clarifying s. PI 36.13 (4) to specify that open enrollment transportation reimbursement claims submitted after July 15 of the school year in which transportation was provided will not be paid.

Pursuant to s. 227.135 (1), Stats., a statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate. 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

If you require reasonable accommodation to access the meeting, please call Carl Bryan by using the contact information provided below 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. Individuals who submit written comments may do so via the Legislature's form for submitting comment at http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment. Written comments received by the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

Agency Contact Person

Questions or additional testimony may be accepted by contacting Carl Bryan, Administrative Rules Coordinator, at adminrules@dpi.wi.gov.

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.