

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.16, Wis. Stats., and interpreting s. 118.045 (3), Wis. Stats., the Department of Public Instruction will hold a public hearing to consider the promulgation of a proposed rule under Clearinghouse Rule 24-026, amending ch. PI 27, relating to revisions to rules governing the commencement of the school term prior to September 1 and affecting small businesses.

The proposed rule is available to review on the [Legislature's website](#).

The hearing on the proposed rule will be held as follows:

Date and Time: Monday, March 25, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Location (Conference call only): Phone Number 608-620-9781, Conference ID 595 960 120#

Accessibility

The hearing site is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation to access the meeting, please call Carl Bryan 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 the hearing is to consider public testimony on the proposed rule under consideration. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and will be afforded the opportunity to make an oral presentation of their position on the proposed rule. Individuals who would like to submit written comments may do so via the [Legislature's website](#) or by contacting Carl Bryan, Legislative Policy Coordinator, at adminrules@dpi.wi.gov. Written comments received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

An analysis conducted by the department indicates that the proposed rule may impact small businesses in the state. Pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., a small business means a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated and not dominant in its field, and which employs 25 or fewer full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than \$5,000,000. Because the rule does not seek to regulate or impose compliance costs on those entities, the department does not estimate any compliance costs will be incurred by the proposed rule. Further, the department is unable to speculate on the net positive or negative impacts on small businesses as a result of the rule, because the actual impact on small businesses largely depends on local and individual behavior.

Local economic considerations remain an important factor that should be considered by school boards when shaping school calendar decisions, as these may impact small businesses. While the proposed rule does not specifically target or regulate small businesses, the extent of this impact is difficult to estimate and may vary depending on factors such as local tourism patterns and individual spending behaviors. Therefore, while the department acknowledges the potential implications for small businesses, the overall effect remains indeterminate due to the complex interplay of various economic factors and individual choices.

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