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Rules hearing Nov. 18 on exemptions for energy efficiencies

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the agency's Madison headquarters in the GEF 3 building, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, to accept public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules related to school district revenue limit exemptions for energy efficiencies.

The emergency and proposed permanent rules modify Chapter PI 15 to bring the administrative rules into compliance with agency practice and statutory changes made as a result of 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 and 2013 Wisconsin Act 20. The proposed rules specify that the public school district revenue limit exemption is limited to expenditures for energy efficiency measures and energy efficiency products. Provisions of 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 provided that a school board may enter into a performance contract for the purchase of energy efficiency products before adopting a resolution to increase its revenue limit by the amount spent for such projects. Provisions of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 made additional changes, including the requirement that savings from energy efficiency measures or products be used to retire the bond, note, or trust fund loan that funded the project.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the Nov. 18 public hearing may provide written comments, which will be given the same consideration as testimony. Send comments on the proposed rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than Dec. 2.

A copy of the administrative rules and fiscal estimate are available at http://pb.dpi.wi.gov/pb_rulespg. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted by sending an e-mail to Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Carl Bryan, budget and policy analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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