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Hearing scheduled Oct. 17 on rules for robotics competition grants

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing in October to accept public testimony on emergency rules to create Chapter PI 29 related to robotics competition grants.

The Oct. 17 hearing will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the DPI's headquarters, GEF 3, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

A new state law, 2015 Wisconsin Act 280, created the robotics competition grants under Wis. Stat. sec. 115.45. The act allocated one-year funding to support robotics competitions by eligible high school teams. The emergency rules specify application requirements and procedures for the DPI to award \$250,000 in state funding to support student teams' from public, private, and charter schools as well as home-based private education programs to participate in robotics competitions.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the public hearing may provide written comments. Send comments on the emergency rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than Oct. 27.

A copy of the emergency rules and the fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/administrative-rules>. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted by sending an e-mail to adminrules@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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