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Hearing to be held April 22 on proposed rule changes related to educator licenses for military spouses

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Apr. 22, at department headquarters, GEF 3 Building, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, to take public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules related to educator licensing.

The Department proposes to amend its current rules governing educator licenses under PI 34 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code to streamline the process for educators who are military spouses to receive a teaching license in Wisconsin.

Currently, the educator preparation of military spouses is often done through alternative route programs. It can be difficult to meet experience requirements for an educator license in Wisconsin based on reciprocity because military assignments are often 18 months or shorter. For this reason, the Department's emergency and proposed rule creates a three-year nonrenewable Tier II license for spouses of active duty military personnel who hold a valid teacher, pupil services, or administrator license from another state and who provide verification of the applicant's spouse's current military orders and a copy of either the applicant's marriage license or the military ID card for the applicant's spouse.

Those intending to testify at the hearing will be required to present photo identification at the security desk near the Webster Street public entrance. Those using the building's Butler Street handicapped accessible entrance should press a doorbell for admittance and check in with security.

Written comments received no later than April 26 will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing. Written comments may be made via the department's form for submitting public comment, <https://forms.gle/T2tcbMPRvkdbsv3Y9>. Questions or additional testimony on the rules may be sent by email to the department's administrative rules coordinator, adminrules@dpi.wi.gov, or by U.S. mail to Carl Bryan, administrative rules coordinator, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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The text of the proposed rules is available on the department's list of proposed rules open for comment, <https://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/administrative-rules/comment>, as well as on a specific page, docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2019/759B/register/emr/emr1908_rule_text/emr1908_rule_text, of the Wisconsin Legislature's Clearinghouse Rules site.

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