

Hearing Notice

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Department will hold hearing on a statement of scope relating to licensing flexibility during pandemic declaration

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period to consider promulgation of administrative rules relating to licensing flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DPI will consider promulgation of Wis. Admin. Code sec. PI 34 under a statement of scope, [SS 127-20](#), on an emergency and proposed rule to provide flexibilities to address staffing needs in Wisconsin school districts, and to address flexibilities needed by educator preparation programs. Flexibilities offered under this rule may include, but are not limited to the following areas: 1) length of assignment for short-term substitutes; 2) in-person clinical experiences and evaluations; 3) grade and subject level licensing flexibility; and 4) substitute licensing provisions.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 227.135(1), a statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate. It includes a description of the objective of the rule, a description of existing policies relevant to the rule, an analysis of policy alternatives, the statutory authority for the rule, estimates of the amount of time expected to develop the rule, a description of entities affected by the rule, and a summary of any federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule. As the rule is promulgated, the department will conduct an additional public hearing for the proposed rule.

The DPI will hold the public hearing via teleconference only. Written comments received no later than the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

A copy of the scope statement is available on the department's [Administrative Rules webpage](#) or the [Wisconsin Legislature Rules site](#). Written comments may be made via the [legislature's webpage](#) for submitting public comment. Questions or additional testimony may be sent by email to the department's [administrative rules coordinator](#), or sent 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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WHAT: Public hearing on statements of scope for administrative rules

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, from 11 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Conference call only

Phone number: 608-620-9781; Conference ID: 499 001 735#

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