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Rule Analysis for Legislative Review

Proposed Rules Relating to Enforcement of Indenture Agreements
Chapter DWD 295
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Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

The Department, the Apprenticeship Advisory Council, and apprenticeship customers agree there is a timeliness problem with the current process for appealing the cancellation of an indenture agreement. During this lengthy process, an apprentice in active status remains in active status. Apprentices who have failed school still remain in school and apprentices who have demonstrated they are unable to do the work still need to be placed at job sites.

The proposed rules provide for a more timely resolution of appeals by repealing the conference, conciliation, and persuasion provision of the current rules. An apprentice may appeal a cancellation determination but the apprenticeship will remain cancelled throughout the appeal process.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing was held in Madison on February 28, 2007. A summary of comments received and the department's response is attached.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules do affect small businesses as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats., but do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

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