Report From Agency

FINAL REPORT CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 17-054 CHAPTER PI 33 WHOLE GRADE SHARING

Analysis by the Department of Public Instruction

Statutory authority: s. 118.50 (8), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 118.50, Stats.

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 provided that the school boards of two or more school districts may enter into a whole grade sharing agreement that provides for all or a substantial portion of the pupils enrolled in one or more grades, including 4-year old and 5-year old kindergarten and prekindergarten classes, in any of the school districts to attend school in one or more of the other school districts for all or a substantial portion of a school day. This rule proposes to create a new rule chapter to implement and administer procedures for two or more school districts entering into a whole grade sharing agreement. The rule proposes to ensure consistency in the implementation of whole grade by establishing procedures on pupil record sharing, pupil assessments, the payment of state aid, habitual truancy and expulsion, and approvals to conduct feasibility studies.

The hearing notice was published in the July 24, 2017 edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on August 21, 2017.

No persons provided oral testimony at the August 21 hearing on this rule and no persons submitted written testimony. Therefore, no changes were made as a result of testimony.

Changes to the analysis or the fiscal estimate:

No changes were made.

Responses to Clearinghouse Report:

- 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code:
 - The changes were accepted.
- 5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Plainness:
 - The changes were accepted.