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Report From Agency

Rule Report for Legislative Review

Facilitating Public Adoptions and Adoption Assistance; Preadoption Training

DCF 42, 49, 50, 51/CR 18-001

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

The proposed rules reorganize and clarify chs. DCF 50 and 51 and incorporate statutory changes made in 2015 Wisconsin Acts 378, 379, and 380 that affect these rules.

Public Hearing Summary

The department held a public hearing in Madison on February 7, 2018. No comments were received.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted, except the following:

Comment 2. a. Including juvenile intake worker training in the title of this rulemaking order could create confusion among those responsible for juvenile worker intake training. Chapter DCF 82 is the current department rule on juvenile intake worker training.

Comment 5. f. The department trains public adoption agencies on the details of granting exceptions. The rule maintains consistency on this issue with ch. DCF 56.

Changes to Analysis Prepared under Section 227.14 (2), Stats.

All changes were in response to comments by Legislative Council staff.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules may affect small businesses as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats., including private adoption agencies and entities authorized to provide preadoption training under s. 48.84 (1), Stats. The effect of the rules will be minimal. The proposed rules incorporate statutory changes and minor updates and provide needed clarification of the requirements in the rules.

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