

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
FUNERAL DIRECTORS : CR 20-026
EXAMINING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

FD 1.056 (1) (i) is repealed and FD 1.055, as will be amended by CR 19-163 upon its effective date, is amended to remove the requirement that the 16-hour course for certification as an apprentice be completed in-person. The board has made this amendment in light of the difficulty in holding in-person classroom instruction during the COVID-19 epidemic.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Funeral Directors Examining Board held a public hearing on August 25, 2020. The following people either testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments:

Gabe Schauf, Program Coordinator/Instructor, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) – Funeral Service Program.

The Funeral Directors Examining Board summarizes the comments received either by hearing testimony or by written submission as follows:

Mr. Schauf stated that MATC is currently holding the certification course in-person as a result of a determination that the program is essential. MATC prefers to hold the program in an in-person format, but supports moving forward with the rule project in the event that the pandemic worsens or MATC is otherwise unable to continue offering the course in-person.

The Funeral Directors Examining Board is not modifying its rule-making proposal in response to public comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A.