

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

**STATEMENT OF SCOPE  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Rule No.: PI 29

Relating to: Robotics Competition Grants

Rule Type : Emergency

Pursuant to *Coyne v. Walker*, the Department of Public Instruction is not required to obtain the Governor's approval for the statement of scope for this rule. *Coyne v. Walker*, 2016 WI 38.

1. Finding/nature of the emergency (Emergency Rule only).

2015 Wisconsin Act 280 created s. 115.45, Stats., to provide grants for participation in robotics competitions. The effective date of the Act is March 27, 2016, and it is in effect for the 2016-17 school year. An emergency rule is necessary in order for the Department to administer the program in the 2016-17 school year.

2. A description of the objective of the proposed rule.

The emergency rule will create a new rule chapter, PI 29, to implement the robotics competition grants for the 2016-17 school year. The rule will also provide clarification to ensure that the Department's implementation of the program meets legislative intent.

3. A description of the existing policies and new policies included in the proposed rule and an analysis of policy alternatives.

The proposed rule is needed to implement the payment of grants for participation in robotics competitions that was created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 280. Unless a rule is in place, the Department may be prevented from efficiently implementing and administering this program and grant applicants may not have clear guidance on criteria for grant eligibility.

4. The statutory authority for the proposed rule.

Under s. 227.11 (2) (a) (intro.), Stats., "Each agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute, but a rule is not valid if the rule exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation." As such, a rule is required to effectively implement and administer the payment of grants for participation in robotics competitions under s. 115.45, Stats.

5. An estimate of the amount of time agency employees will spend developing the proposed rule and of other resources needed to develop the rule.

The amount of time needed for rule development by Department staff and the amount of other resources necessary are indeterminate.

6. A description of all of the entities that will be affected by the proposed rule.

School districts, operators of charter schools under ss. 118.40 (2r) and (2x), Stats., and administrators of home-based private educational programs that participate in robotics competitions may be impacted by this rule.

7. A summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulation that addresses or is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule.

N/A

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses).

The proposed rules will have no significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats.

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