

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
AND SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the authority given in s. 121.14 (1) (a), Stats.; the Department of Public Instruction will hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period as provided in s. 227.136 (2), Stats., to consider promulgation of emergency rules under a statement of scope, SS 019-20, amending Chapter PI 17 relating to expanding virtual summer and interim session courses. Any comment received will also be considered for the development of the economic impact analysis required for rulemaking under s. 227.137 (3), Stats.

The objective of the emergency rule is to expand the grade levels in which school districts and county children with disabilities education boards may receive state aid in providing virtual instruction during summer and interim session courses.

The Department will hold the public hearing at the time shown below via teleconference due to the restrictions adopted during the COVID-19 emergency declaration. The hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time: Thursday, April 23, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location (Conference Call Only): Phone Number [+1 608-620-9781](tel:+16086209781) Conference ID: 220 029 048#

Pursuant to s. 227.135 (1), Stats., a statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate, and shall include a description of the objective rule, a description of existing policies relevant to the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives, the statutory authority for the rule, estimates of the amount of time that is expected to develop the rule, a description of entities affected by the rule, and a summary of any federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the rule. Pursuant to s. 227.136 (7), Stats., a preliminary public hearing and comment period on a statement of scope does not relieve the agency of its obligation to hold an agency hearing on proposed rules under s. 227.16, Stats., after proposed rules are available for review.

Accessibility

The hearing is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation to access the meeting, please call Carl Bryan using the contact information provided below at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Reasonable accommodation includes materials prepared in an alternative format, as provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The purpose of this hearing to consider public testimony on the scope statement under consideration. Interested persons are invited to call into the hearing and will be afforded the opportunity to make a presentation of their position on the proposed rule orally. Questions or comments about the scope statement under consideration may be posed and will be duly recorded.

Individuals who are unable to attend the hearing but would like to submit written comments may do so via the Department's form for submitting comment at <https://forms.gle/TaLfbuWCFJcLqcYf8>. Questions or additional testimony may be accepted by using the contact information below. Written comments on the statement of scope received no later than the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

Agency Contact Person

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The statement of scope for the proposed rule is available to review at <https://dpi.wi.gov/legislative-policy-outreach/administrative-rules> or http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.