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Rules hearing on new requirement for educator license grants

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the agency's Madison headquarters in the GEF 3 building, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, to accept public testimony on proposed rules related to grants for educators who earn national board certification or a master educator license.

Revisions to the administrative rules (PI 37) bring the rules into conformance with changes in state law that were made in the 2013-15 state budget. The budget, 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, added a requirement that applicants must have a rating of "effective" or "highly effective" in the applicable educator effectiveness system in order to receive a grant for being certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or earning a Master Educator license in Wisconsin.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the May 8 public hearing may provide written comments, which will be given the same consideration as testimony. Send comments on the proposed rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than May 22.

A copy of the administrative rules and fiscal estimate are available at http://pb.dpi.wi.gov/pb_rulespg. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted in lieu of testimony at the hearing by sending an e-mail to Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Carl Bryan, budget and policy analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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