

## News Release

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### Hearing scheduled Nov. 7 on scope statements

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a preliminary public hearing from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 7 on four statements of scope, which provide a broad overview for the development of administrative rules. Conducting a hearing on scope statements is a new requirement that can be requested under 2017 Wisconsin Act 57.

The hearing will be held at the DPI's headquarters, GEF 3, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison. The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

The statements of scope that will be considered during the preliminary hearing are

- **SS 108-17** - relating to aid for school mental health programs. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program can receive categorical aid to reimburse eligible expenses for providing or expanding mental health services.
- **SS 109-17** - relating to restoring part-time open enrollment rules, effective with the 2018-19 school year.
- **SS 110-17** - relating to changes to PI 40 (creating an early college credit program) as a result of 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, which eliminated the Youth Options program.
- **SS 111-17** - relating to changes to rules governing Parental Choice Programs and the Special Needs Scholarship Program as a result of 2017 Wisconsin Acts 36 and 59 and other changes.

A statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate. It includes a description of the objective of the 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. As the rules are promulgated, the department will conduct additional public hearings and comment periods for the emergency and proposed permanent administrative rules.

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A copy of each scope statement is available on the department's [Administrative Rules webpage](#) or the [Wisconsin Legislature Rules site](#). Written comments may be submitted in lieu of testimony by Nov. 14 online or sent to the department's administrative rules coordinator by e-mail or U.S. mail. Send to [Carl Bryan](#), 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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