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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 16-021

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. In the introductory paragraph, the department should insert a space between “Wis.” and “2d” so that the citation reads as “361 Wis. 2d 255”.
- b. In the first and last sentences of the explanation of agency authority, the department should insert “s.” before “115.29 (4) (a), Stats.”.
- c. In the plain language analysis, the department should insert “Chapter” before “PI 5”.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

- a. In the plain language analysis and in the comparison with rules in adjacent states, the department refers to the “cut score”, but in the listing of provisions treated in the proposed rule’s introductory clause and in the summary of factual data and analytical methodologies, the department refers to the “passing score”. The department should revise the language throughout the proposed rule to refer to the score in a uniform way. For example, the department could refer to the “minimum passing score”.
- b. In the summary of factual data and analytical methodologies, the department states that the GED Testing Service changed its passing score pursuant to guidance issued on January 19, 2016, but the department does not state which person, agency, or organization issued the guidance. The department should consider adding this piece of information so that readers may better understand the context of the proposed rule change.