

Wisconsin Legislative Council RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 21-003

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Legislative Council Staff and the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated November 2020.]

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

The agency should consider alternative revisions to s. Psy 2.01 (8), in order to more clearly explain the law regarding submission of information relating to pending charges and conviction record. In particular, the statutes cited by the agency delineate different disclosure requirements and legal obligations related to pending charges than those related to conviction record. The rule should be revised to recognize and explain these distinctions. Moreover, the statutes cited by the agency in the proposed rule are, generally, quite complex and it may be more useful to utilize the rulemaking process to add clarity to an applicant's obligations and the limits placed on the agency by statute, rather than merely referring an applicant back to the applicable statutes.