

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 119.03, notice is hereby given that the Department of Administrative Services intends to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending Ohio Administrative Code Sections 149:1-44-02, 123:1-49-01, 123:1-49-02, 123:1-49-03, 123:1-49-06, and 123:1-49-07, and rescinding Ohio Administrative Code Sections 123:1-49-04, 123:1-49-05, and 123:1-49-08. These rules set forth procedures regarding religious observances and state equal employment opportunity policy.

The public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Administrative Hearing Room, located on the third floor of the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. At this hearing, any person affected by the rules may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both; may present the person's position, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; offer and examine witnesses; and present evidence that tends to show that the rule, if effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Individuals desiring to submit their position, arguments, or contentions in writing only (written statement) may do so by submitting them to the following address:

The Department of Administrative Services
Office of Legal Services
Attn: Chief Legal Counsel
30 East Broad Street, Suite 4023
Columbus, Ohio 43215
das.legalservices@das.ohio.gov

Any such written statements actually received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, will be considered by the Department of Administrative Services. A person who timely submits a written statement is not required to appear at the hearing to have the written statement considered in the rule making process.

Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony are encouraged to contact the Department of Administrative Services through das.legalservices@das.ohio.gov no later than Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., and may be given preference in the order of their testimony.

Copies of the proposed rules are available from:

- Department of Administrative Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 E. Broad St., Suite 4023, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-644-1773;
- Register of Ohio website: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>