

**495—31.2(17A,ExecOrd80) Advice on possible rules before notice of proposed rule adoption.**

**31.2(1)** IPERS shall designate the benefits advisory committee (BAC), and investment board as applicable, as the stakeholder rule-making group, pursuant to the rules for creation, public notice, procedures, public input, and results as outlined in Executive Order Number 80. The stakeholder group shall review and comment on any proposed rule changes before the rules are considered to be pending, as defined in subrule 31.3(2).

**31.2(2)** In addition to seeking information by other methods, the agency may, before publication of a Notice of Intended Action under Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“a,” solicit comments from the public by any reasonable means on a subject matter of possible rule making by the agency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise provided by law, the agency may use its own experience, specialized knowledge, and judgment in the adoption of a rule.

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