

2006 Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules

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Revisor of Statutes

Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules, as Required by *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5.

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, states:

Review and repeal of rules. By December 1 of each year, an agency must submit to the governor, the Legislative Coordinating Commission, the policy and funding committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the agency, and the revisor of statutes, a list of any rules or portions of rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the

rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. By December 1, the agency must either report a timetable for repeal of the rule or portion of the rule, or must develop a bill for submission to the appropriate policy committee to repeal the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. Such a bill must include proposed authorization to use the expedited procedures of section 14.389 to repeal or amend the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. A report submitted under this subdivision must be signed by the person in the agency who is responsible for identifying and initiating repeal of obsolete rules. The report also must identify the status of any rules identified in the prior year's report as obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. If none of an agency's rules are

obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, an agency's December 1 report must state that conclusion.

2006 Obsolete Rules

The Minnesota Department of Education has not determined any rules to be obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

The Minnesota Department of Education is in the process of revising its special education rules, which will reflect changes made to federal regulations in August 2006.

The Minnesota Department of Education is seeking rulemaking authority from the 2007 Minnesota Legislature for proper implementation, administration, and public review of the state graduation tests.

Status of Rules Identified in the 2005 Obsolete Rules Report

In the 2005 Obsolete Rules Report, no statutes were identified by the department as obsolete.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 651/582-8482.

Sincerely,

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