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

Dear Governor Dayton:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has reviewed its administrative rules and found the following that have become obsolete over the course of the last year:

- Medical and Osteopathy Student Loans – *Minnesota Rules* 4810.2100 through 4810.2800.

These rules administered a program giving graduates in medicine and osteopathy loans if the eligible students worked in certain rural areas of need in Minnesota. *Minnesota Statutes* 147.30 authorizing the program was repealed in 1990. Rules were kept in place until former enrollees in the program paid off their loans. The final students have done so. These rules are now obsolete. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education will seek repeal of the rules during the 2014 Legislative session.

- State Student Loans– *Minnesota Rules* 4830.5000 through 4830.5400.

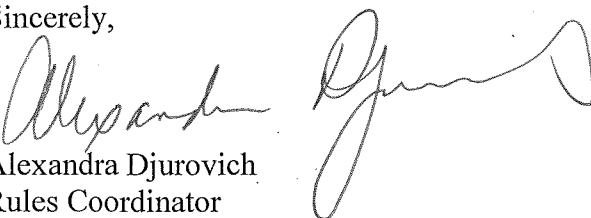
These rules were created when the Minnesota Office of Higher Education was eligible to provide federal student loans for the guaranteed student loan program (now known as the Stafford Loan) created by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, published in *United States Code*, title 20, chapter 28. The Office of Higher Education maintained these rules in case Minnesota once again decided to provide federal Stafford Loans if it was

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decided to do so in student's best interest. In 2010, the U.S. Congress adopted legislation mandating all federal Stafford Loans be provided directly from the U.S. Department of Education. Non-federal lenders are now ineligible to disperse federal Stafford Loans. As a result, these rules are now obsolete. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education will seek repeal of the rules during the 2014 Legislative session.

Please let me know if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



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