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2021 Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules

Report to the Legislature

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Legislative Charge

Minnesota Statutes § 14.05, subdivision 5, requires that:

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 The list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.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.

Executive Summary

This legislative report states that Minnesota Department of Education (the department) has not identified any Minnesota rules that are currently obsolete, unnecessary or duplicate of other state or federal statutes or rules. This report also gives an update of current rulemaking proceedings.

Introduction

This legislative report will discuss whether there are any Minnesota Rules that are currently obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. This report will also provide an update on the department's current rulemaking projects.

2021 Obsolete Rules

The Minnesota Department of Education has not identified any current rules to be obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. Therefore, the department does not have any rules to include in this year's Obsolete Rules Report.

Status of Rules Identified in the 2020 Obsolete Rules Report

The department did not take any action on amending or repealing any of the rules identified in the 2020 Obsolete Rules Report.

Rulemaking Update

Current or Upcoming Rulemaking Projects

The department has three current or upcoming rulemaking projects related to K-12 academic standards: English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Mathematics. The rulemaking proceeding for the K-12 academic standards in English Language Arts is underway. The rulemaking proceeding for the K-12 academic standards in Social Studies will begin in November of 2021. The rulemaking proceeding for the K-12 academic standards in Social Studies will likely bring in the spring/summer of 2022.

Completed Rulemaking Projects

The rulemaking proceedings for the K-12 academic standards in the Arts and Science are now complete. The department also completed a rulemaking project on Minnesota Rules, part 3525.2810, subpart 2, related to the inclusion of statewide and districtwide assessments in an individualized education program (IEP).

Conclusion

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