



2024 Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules

Report to the Legislature

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Legislative Charge

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 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 The list must also explain why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.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 agency person responsible for identifying and initiating the 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 the agency's rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, an agency's December 1 report must state that conclusion.¹

Executive Summary

This legislative report states that the Minnesota Department of Education (the department) has identified Minnesota rules that are currently obsolete, unnecessary, or that duplicate other state or federal statutes or rules. This report also gives an update on current rulemaking proceedings.

Introduction

This legislative report will discuss the 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.

¹ [Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 14.05, subdivision 5.](#)

Analysis

[Minnesota Rule part 3525.0210, subpart 28 Individualized Family Service Plan or IFSP.](#)

Minnesota Rules, part 3525.25, subpart 28, defines an individualized family service plan or IFSP. The term is already defined in [Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 125A.27, subdivision 10](#). This rule is duplicative and unnecessary. The Department will begin the rulemaking process to repeal this rule in the upcoming year.

[Minnesota Rules, part 3525.0210, subpart 41 Significant Change in Program or Placement.](#)

This term is no longer referenced elsewhere in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 3525. It was associated with a prior written notice requirement that no longer exists. This rule is obsolete and unnecessary. The Department will begin the rulemaking process to repeal this rule in the upcoming year.

[Minnesota Rules, part 3501.1200 Scope and Purpose.](#)

"WIDA" no longer refers to the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment Consortium. The organization is now referred to as just WIDA.² Because the former name is obsolete, the department suggests changing the sentence that reads "The state of Minnesota's standards for English language development are the current standards developed by the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) consortium" to . The Department will begin the rulemaking process to delete the full name in the upcoming year."

Rulemaking Update

The rulemaking proceeding for the K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies was completed in 2024. The rules were published in the [State Register](#) on March 4, 2024.

The formal rulemaking proceeding for the K-12 Academic Standards in Mathematics concluded with the publication and adoption of the rules in the [State Register](#) on April 7, 2025.

The department has begun work on the K-12 Academic Standards in Health. A Request for Comments was published on February 3, 2025, and closed on April 4, 2025. The advisory committee also received comments from its first targeted public survey. A first draft was released on March 19, 2025, and can be found on the department's [rulemaking website](#). Additional information can also be found on the [MDE Academic Standards for Health Education webpage](#).

² WIDA Consortium (2024, September 27). *In Wikipedia*. [WIDA Consortium - Wikipedia](#)

Conclusion

Several provisions of the Minnesota Department of Education's rules are now duplicative or obsolete due to existing language in state or federal law. The recommendation of this report is to repeal those rules within the coming year. These changes will reduce confusion for parents and students, improve rule implementation throughout the state, and improve educational services for Minnesota students.

Bibliography

[Minnesota State Statutes \(2024\)](#)

[Minnesota Administrative Rules \(2023\)](#)

[Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 300 \(Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities\) \(2024\)](#)