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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 Walz, Executive Director Yurich, Legislators, and Revisor Inman:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, requires the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to report each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. This report represents information for the calendar year 2026.

As stated in the 2025 report, the DOC continues its work to amend Chapter 2900, and any obsolete provisions identified within that chapter will be removed through the standard rulemaking process. A draft of the DOC's proposed revisions has been submitted to the Revisor for review, and the department anticipates completing the rulemaking process in 2027. These updates will ensure that remaining rule parts are current, necessary, and aligned with existing statutory authority.

On November 6, 2026, the Court of Administrative Hearings approved revisions to Chapter 2911, which included the removal of all obsolete, unnecessary, and duplicative provisions prior to approval. The department is considering additional revisions to the chapter; however, these prospective updates will not affect the necessity or continued applicability of the remaining rule parts.

In April of 2026, obsolete rules in Chapter 2940 were repealed through the Court of Administrative Hearings and the remaining rule now narrowly focuses on Conditions of Release, Warrants, and Violation Hearings. The remaining rules need future revision but remain necessary and are not obsolete or duplicative. Given the chapter's limited scope, it may ultimately be more appropriate to repeal the rule and place its requirements directly in statute, supported by internal policy.

In addition to the chapters discussed above, the department has identified the following rule chapters as obsolete.

Chapter 2905 (Community Corrections Act). With expansive 2023 legislative changes to community supervision, much of this chapter is obsolete. Previously, the chapter applied only to Community Corrections Act counties, or counties that receive funds to operate community-based correctional programs. But in 2023, the underlying statutory chapter (Minnesota Statutes, chapter 401) was expanded to include Tribal Nations and the two other community-supervision systems: County Probation Officers and department supervision. With the department's current rulemaking efforts focused on other chapters, an exact timeline for completion is not yet known. The process to revise Chapter 2905 will commence once other active rulemaking chapters reach key procedural milestones. In the meantime, a position is being created whose primary focus will be to review comprehensive plans submitted statewide and work alongside the rulemaking manager to identify needed revisions.

Chapter 2915 (Services for Battered Women). In 1977, the legislature created this grant program for organizations that provide emergency shelter services, housing support, and support services to domestic-abuse victims and their children. In 1981, the department adopted the corresponding rule chapter, which has not been amended since. However, in 2014 the legislature created a new statutory section (section 611A.211) for the Department of Public Safety's Office of Justice Programs to administer the grants.

The department has reviewed Chapter 2915 and determined it is no longer responsible for this rule chapter. The underlying statutory authority for Chapter 2915 is now rooted primarily in Minnesota Statutes, section 611A.33 and administration of grants was transferred to the Department of Public Safety in 2014. For this reason, the department has requested that the Revisor make technical conforming changes to Chapter 2915. The DOC believes that updating the responsible authority for the rule chapter would align statute and rule with the administrative structure established in statute.

Chapter 2920 (Adult Community-based Residential Correctional Facilities). The department has identified requirements in this chapter that are similar to provisions that were determined to be obsolete based on recent revisions to Chapter 2911 - approved by the Court of Administrative Hearings in November of this year. With active rulemaking underway for other chapters – both concluding and commencing simultaneously - a specific timeline for completing revisions to Chapter 2920 has not yet been established. Further development of this chapter is dependent on when procedural milestones on other active rulemaking chapters are achieved.

Chapter 2945 (Municipal Jail Facilities). The department has identified requirements in this chapter that are similar to provisions that were determined to be obsolete based on recent revisions to Chapter 2911 - approved by the Court of Administrative Hearings in November of this year. Because the department's current rulemaking efforts are focused on other chapters, an exact timeline for completion is not yet known. Commencement of the rulemaking process for Chapter 2945 is dependent on when procedural milestones on other active rulemaking chapters are achieved.

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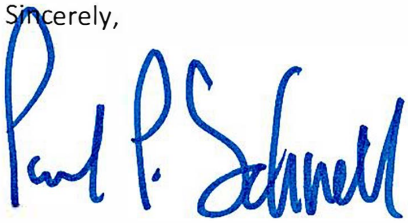
If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kelly Haff, Legislative Director, at 651-392-7602.

Sincerely,



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