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Honorable Mike Parson, Governor and Members of the General Assembly

The State Auditor's Office reviewed state agency compliance with Section 536.175, RSMo. We determined the Departments of Public Safety, Revenue, Social Services, and Corrections met the requirements of Section 536.175, RSMo. These requirements include each agency reviewing its existing rules, completing and filing the periodic rule review report with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), and ensuring the report is available on the agency's website.

Section 536.175, RSMo, requires a 5 year rolling review by all state agencies of their existing rules. The first agencies (Title 1 through 6 of the Code of State Regulations [CSR]) were required to begin their rule review no later than July 1, 2015, and to complete it by June 30, 2016. The second group of agencies (Title 7 through 10 of the CSR) were required to begin their rule review no later than July 1, 2016, and to complete it by June 30, 2017. The third group of agencies (Title 11 through 14 of the CSR) were required to begin their rule review no later than July 1, 2017, and complete it by July 30, 2018. The next group began no later than July 1, 2018 and the following group will begin no later than July 1, 2019. Each agency must repeat this process every 5 years.

The JCAR publishes in the Missouri Register a notification of which rules are subject to review and the process for this review, including who the public may submit comments to at each agency. Each agency must prepare a report of the results of the agency's rule review with an attached appendix summarizing comments received and the agency's response. The agency must file the report and appendix electronically with the JCAR and the small business regulatory fairness board no later than June 30th after the JCAR publishes the notice. These reports also must be made available on the state agency's website.

Any rule not included in the agency review and report may become null and void. There is a process in place before nullification of a rule, including the ability of the agency to request an extension from the JCAR and a notice and opportunity for the agency to correct the delinquency.

On July 1, 2017, the JCAR published in the Missouri Register the notification of the agency rules (Title 11 through 14) subject to review and the process, as required by Section 536.175.2, RSMo. The following agencies began their rule review on July 1, 2017, and completed the review process by June 30, 2018:

- Title 11 Department of Public Safety
- Title 12 Department of Revenue, Lottery Commission and State Tax Commission
- Title 13 Department of Social Services
- Title 14 Department of Corrections

Based on a review of the JCAR's website, each agency timely completed and filed its periodic rule review report by June 30, 2018. These reports are available on that website. Each agency also posts its report on the agency's website.

On December 7, 2018, my office sent a letter to each agency to confirm the information from this review. Each agency provided a response. The table below provides a summary of the information determined from this review.

	Number of Rules	Number of Comments	Rule Report Filed with	Rule Report Available on Agency
Department	Reviewed	Received	JCAR	Website
Department of Public Safety	704	205	Yes	Yes
Department of Revenue	423	0	Yes	Yes
Lottery Commission	64	0	Yes	Yes
State Tax Commission	24	0	Yes	Yes
Department of Social Services	333	106	Yes	Yes
Department of Corrections	17	0	Yes	Yes

Based on this review, these agencies timely completed their rule review process and report as required under Section 536.175, RSMo; and, no further action is necessary.

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 cc: Waylene Hiles, Director, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Sandy Karsten, Director, Department of Public Safety Joel Walters, Director, Missouri Department of Revenue May Scheve Reardon, Director, Missouri State Lottery Bruce E. Davis, Chairman, State Tax Commission Steve Corsi, Psy.D., Director, Department of Social Services Anne L. Precythe, Director, Department of Corrections

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