Notice of Submission of Rules Proposed for Adoption Without a Public Hearing to the Court of Administrative Hearings

Amendment to Rules Relating to Restrictive Procedures in Juvenile Facilities; Minnesota Rules, Chapter 2960; Revisor's ID Number R-05032, CAH Docket Number 5-9051-42099

Date: November 9, 2026
To: All Interested Persons

The legislature has authorized the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to use good-cause exempt rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to update select provisions of Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, governing DOC licensed and certified programs for children. The department is authorized to use the good-cause exempt rulemaking process because the proposed revisions are straightforward and do not require interpretation of law. The revisions are limited to the department's notification requirements specified in Minnesota Rule 2960.0740, subpart 3, and 2960.0750, subpart 3.

Under the current rule, a program must notify the department within ten days when a resident is placed or expected to be placed in administrative or medical separation for more than "48 awake hours". The legislature revised this threshold to "more than seven (7) days".

These revisions were initiated at the DOC's request during the 2026 legislative session. Through conversations with licensed providers, the department learned that the existing reporting timeline for reporting a resident's placement in administrative or medical separation was too short and did not give providers enough time to assess the situation before reporting. Providers recommended a longer timeframe, and the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association (MNJDA) reviewed and supported the change.

The DOC will submit the proposed rules to the Court of Administrative Hearings during the week of November 30, 2026. As required by Minnesota Statues, section 14.388, subdivision 2, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule through the court's public comment portal beginning **Monday November 16,** and ending **Friday, November 20, 2026**. If submitting comments through the portal is not possible, comments may be sent by US mail to

Judge James R. Mortenson, Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620.

Documents related to the active rulemaking proceedings for Chapter 2960 can be found on the department's rulemaking website under the Rulemaking Activity section.

Thank you,



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