TO: Joseph Salema

FROM: Michael J. Scheiring

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SUBJECT: Boards, Commissions and Advisory Bodies

Per your request, the Governor's Management Review Commission undertook a review of over 400 boards, commissions and advisory bodies. The Commission examined in detail 387 of these bodies and found 5,300 commission members, 2,300 associated staff, and 93 executive directors. Based upon an individual review of each of these boards, the Commission recommended the elimination of 97 of these bodies and the consolidation of 50 boards, commissions and advisory bodies. The elimination or consolidation of these 147 affected bodies would represent a 38% reduction in all existing bodies. The Commission in its review found:

- that there is no central source of information on all boards and commissions;
- many boards have overlapping if not duplicative purposes, e.g. 6 boards for drug/alcohol education;
- the cost of most boards is not readily quantifiable; and
- the authority for selection of membership, chairs, and executive directors varies widely.
The Commission recommends:

- that the state should establish a process for periodic review of all boards and commissions and should consider a sunset requirement for all boards;

- establishment of a central point of information on all boards in the Secretary of State's office to track and monitor the functions of these boards and commissions;

- that all licensing functions for professions and trades should be consolidated into a single department; and

- that the Department of Law and Public Safety should continue to pursue the administrative consolidation of its boards.

Attached is a listing of the 147 boards, commissions and advisory bodies that were recommended for either elimination or consolidation. I have also attached talking points that summarize the Commission's 460 page report.

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Attachments

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