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A Review of the Sunset Advisory Commission Management Action Recommendations for Twelve Texas State Agencies

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Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

Twelve Texas state agencies have either fully or partially implemented more than 90 percent of the non-statutory management action recommendations included in the Sunset Advisory Commission's (Commission) *1999 Sunset Report to the 76th Legislature*. Of the 59 management action recommendations, 33 (56 percent) are fully implemented, 22 (37 percent) are partially implemented, and 4 (7 percent) are not implemented. The Sunset Act, Section 325.012 (b), requires that the State Auditor's Office examine all the Commission's non-statutory recommendations. We began fieldwork at the agencies on June 13, 2000, and completed it on August 28, 2000.

Of its two recommendations, the Children's Trust Fund of Texas (Fund) has not implemented one and has partially implemented the other. The Fund has not developed performance measures for Family PRIDE Councils. While the Fund does collect data from the Councils, this data does not measure their impact on child abuse prevention.

The Department of Criminal Justice has not implemented the following three recommendations:

- The Department's Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) should transfer funding amounts between the community corrections programming and discretionary grant funds to support residential programs through grants.
- CJAD should not allow Community Supervision and Corrections Departments to fund residential programs with community corrections programming funds.
- The Department should consolidate all agriculture and food service functions in one division.

The Commission for the Blind, the Rehabilitation Commission, and the Department of Public Safety implemented all their management action recommendations.

The methodology consisted of collecting information through interviews with management and staff, reviewing documentary evidence, testing evidence, and analyzing and evaluating results against the Commission's recommendations.

We appreciate the Commission's assistance. If you have questions regarding this review, please contact Walton Persons, Project Manager, or Julie Ivie, Audit Manager, at (512) 936-9500.

Sincerely,

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