



STATE OF ILLINOIS
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SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

State Compliance Examination
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Release Date: September 8, 2022

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1	New	Repeat	Total	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	0	0	No Repeat Findings			
Category 2:	1	0	1				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	1	0	1				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 0							

INTRODUCTION

This digest covers our Compliance Examination of the Judges' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (System) for the year ended June 30, 2021. A separate Financial Audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, was previously released on March 10, 2022. This report contains one finding. The Financial Audit report contained no findings.

SYNOPSIS

- (21-1) The Judges' Retirement System of the State of Illinois did not have adequate controls in place to document user access reviews to its Information Technology (IT) systems.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER ACCESS TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS

IT access controls are inadequate

The Judges' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (System) did not have adequate controls in place to document user access reviews to its Information Technology (IT) systems.

During the compliance examination, the System utilized a combination of systems administered both internally as well as externally. During a review of both internal and external systems, we noted:

Evidence of internal security review was not retained

- For systems administered internally:
 - The System did not retain evidence an internal security review was performed during the examination period.
 - One of two (50%) terminated employees maintained a user account for various internal systems which was not deactivated timely upon their separation from the System. The timing of this deactivation was nine months after termination.

50% of terminated employees tested did not have user accounts deactivated timely

Evidence of annual review of security software IDs was not retained

- For systems administered externally:
 - The System did not retain evidence of the results of the annual review of security software IDs.
 - One of two (50%) terminated employees had user accounts for one external system which was not deactivated timely upon separation from the System. The timing of this deactivation was three months after termination. (Finding 1, page 7)

We recommended the System maintain evidence of security reviews completed during the year to support that continued monitoring is being performed and possible changes or updates are being made. In addition, we recommended the System implement controls to ensure all employees' user access is timely disabled upon separation from the System.

System officials accepted our recommendation

The System agreed with the finding.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

The financial audit report was previously released. The auditors stated the financial statements of the Judges' Retirement System of the State of Illinois as of and for the

year ended June 30, 2021, are fairly stated in all material respects.

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The accountants conducted a State compliance examination of the Judges' Retirement System of the State of Illinois for the year ended June 30, 2021, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants stated the System complied, in all material respects, with the requirements described in the report.

This compliance examination was conducted by RSM US LLP.

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