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Missouri Closed Meeting Issues

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich (shwyk) says too many public entities are violating state laws about closed meetings.

Schweich released a report Tuesday showing that about 15 percent the nearly 300 entities he audited over the previous two years had some of sort of problems complying with the state's Sunshine Law.

That's an improvement from the nearly 20 percent problem rate during audits conducted in 2010 and 2011. But Schweich says there is plenty of room for more improvement.

He says many of the problems related to closed meetings where governmental entities either failed to document the reason for meeting secretly, discussed topics they shouldn't have or didn't keep adequate minutes of the closed sessions.

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