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Schedule "A"

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR THE
REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE
AGENCIES AND THE REPORTING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
CERTAIN CONSULTANT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) Not later than [July 1, 2017 , and not later than every seven years
4 thereafter, each committee of cognizance, in consultation with each
5 agency that is within the cognizance of the committee, shall establish the
6 date by which each such agency shall submit a review of its existing
7 regulations and shall notify the administrator of the regulation review
8 committee of each such date and any extension thereof. In establishing
9 such date, or any extension of the date that may be requested by the
10 agency, the committee of cognizance (1) shall consider the volume and
11 complexity of such regulations and the personnel and other resources

12 of the agency that would be available to undertake the review within
13 the agency's available appropriations, and (2) may establish a schedule
14 of dates for the review of various portions of such regulations upon the
15 agreement of the committee of cognizance and the administrative head
16 of the agency.

17 (b) Not later than the date specified by the committee of cognizance
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such agency shall submit
19 to the committee of cognizance and to the administrator of the
20 regulation review committee] February 1, 2026, the office of the
21 Governor shall (1) prescribe an individual timeline for each agency of
22 the Executive Department that reports to the Governor, and any other
23 agency shall prescribe an individual timeline for such agency, to
24 conduct a review of its existing regulations, [which] and (2) notify the
25 regulation review committee and the joint standing committee of the
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
27 oversight of such timeline. Any such review of existing regulations shall
28 include, but need not be limited to: [(1)] (A) The agency's
29 recommendations on how it may substantially reduce the number and
30 length of its existing regulations; [(2)] (B) the agency's determination of
31 whether each of its existing regulations [(A)] (i) is obsolete, [(B)] (ii) has
32 not been used within the preceding seven years, [(C)] (iii) is inconsistent
33 with any provision of the general statutes, federal law or any regulation
34 adopted under the general statutes or federal law, [(D)] (iv) has been the
35 subject of written complaints, and [(E)] (v) is otherwise no longer
36 effective; and [(3)] (C) the agency's recommendation, if any, regarding
37 any extraordinary circumstances in which waivers from its existing
38 regulations may be appropriate.

39 (b) Not later than the specified initial submission date for the
40 completion of such review and, thereafter, the reoccurring scheduled
41 timeline prescribed individually by the office of the Governor or the
42 agency, as applicable, each agency shall submit a summary of the results
43 of the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the
44 administrator of the regulation review committee, the committee of
45 cognizance and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

46 having cognizance of matters relating to government oversight, in
47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

48 (c) Upon receipt of an agency's [review] summary of the results of its
49 review, the committee of cognizance shall schedule a public hearing,
50 which shall be held not later than ninety days following such receipt.
51 The committee of cognizance shall make copies of the [review]
52 summary available to the public at least fifteen days prior to the hearing.

53 (d) Following the public hearing: (1) The committee of cognizance
54 may request the agency to initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry
55 out a recommendation of the agency under subsection [(b)] (a) of this
56 section to amend or repeal an existing regulation which, in the
57 determination of the committee of cognizance, does not require the
58 enactment of authorizing legislation, and (2) the committee of
59 cognizance shall consider any recommendation by the agency under
60 subsection [(b)] (a) of this section which, in the determination of the
61 committee of cognizance, would require the enactment of authorizing
62 legislation.

63 (e) If an agency fails to submit a summary of the results of the review
64 of its regulations to the committee of cognizance, [and] the
65 administrator of the regulation review committee and the joint standing
66 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
67 relating to government oversight as required by subsection (b) of this
68 section or if the committee of cognizance determines that the agency has
69 not conducted a satisfactory review of its regulations as required by
70 [said] subsection (a) of this section, the committee of cognizance may:
71 (1) Conduct a review of the existing regulations of the agency, as
72 described in subsection [(b)] (a) of this section, (2) request the agency to
73 initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of
74 the committee of cognizance pursuant to such review to amend or
75 repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the
76 committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing
77 legislation, and (3) introduce legislation to authorize the agency to
78 amend or repeal existing regulations. If the agency fails to initiate the

79 process to amend or repeal an existing regulation pursuant to
80 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the committee of cognizance may
81 introduce legislation requiring the agency to initiate such process.

82 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 4-189h of the general statutes is
83 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
84 *1, 2025*):

85 (3) "Existing regulation" means a regulation that was adopted by an
86 agency no later than one year prior to the scheduled date of review, as
87 provided in subsection [(b)] (a) of section 4-189i, as amended by this act;

88 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

89 (1) "Consultant" means any professional who (A) is registered or
90 licensed to practice such profession in accordance with the applicable
91 provisions of the general statutes or any planner or any environmental,
92 management or financial specialist, and (B) provides consultant services
93 to a state agency pursuant to a contract with such state agency,
94 including, but not limited to, any architect, professional engineer,
95 accountant, planner or environmental, management or financial
96 specialist;

97 (2) "Consultant services" includes administrative, planning, analysis,
98 statistical or research services rendered by any architect, professional
99 engineer, accountant, planner or environmental, management or
100 financial specialist as well as incidental services that members of such
101 professions and those in their employ are authorized to perform, for
102 purposes of recommending a state agency course of action;

103 (3) "Firm" means any individual, partnership, corporation, joint
104 venture, association or other legal entity authorized by law to offer
105 consultant services; and

106 (4) "State agency" means any office, department, board, council,
107 commission, institution, constituent unit of the state system of higher
108 education, technical education and career school or other agency in the

109 executive branch of state government.

110 (b) Any state agency that contracts with a firm to provide consulting
111 services at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars or more for purposes
112 of producing a study or other report with recommendations for future
113 actions for the state agency to undertake shall, not later than one year
114 after receiving the results of such study or a final report from such firm,
115 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
116 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
117 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
118 oversight, summarizing the findings of the entity's report, whether any
119 recommendations have been implemented by the agency, whether the
120 state agency intends to implement any such recommendations in the
121 future and, if applicable, by what date.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	4-189i
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	4-189h(3)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires agencies to review existing regulations, imposes timelines for doing so, and creates requirements to share consultant reports with the General Assembly under certain conditions, resulting in no fiscal impact. There is no fiscal impact to the state as state agencies have the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, resulting in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6073 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR THE REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.*****SUMMARY**

By law, agencies must periodically review their regulations and the legislative committee of cognizance must hold a public hearing and consider the agency's recommendations. This bill eliminates the requirement that each committee, in consultation with the agencies within its cognizance, establish a timeline for conducting these reviews every seven years. It instead transfers responsibility for setting the timeline to the governor's office, if the agency reports to him, or to the agency itself if it does not report to the governor. It also removes the seven-year cycle and modifies the legislative committees that receive these reviews and timelines.

Separately, the bill requires any state agency that contracts for at least \$100,000 in consulting services for a study with recommendations for future actions by the agency to submit a report to the Government Oversight Committee.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

*House Amendment "A" strikes the underlying bill, which generally required state agencies to conduct these reviews every seven years, and replaces it with these provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025, except that the provisions on consultant reports are effective upon passage.

AGENCY REGULATION REVIEWS

Current law requires each legislative committee, at least every seven years, to consult with state agencies within its cognizance to establish a date by which the agency will submit a review of its existing regulations to the committee. Committees must notify the Regulation Review Committee administrator about these dates and any extensions.

The bill instead requires, by February 1, 2026, the governor's office, for each executive branch agency that reports to the governor, to (1) set an agency-specific timeline for each agency to review its existing regulations and (2) notify the Regulation Review and Government Oversight committees about these timelines. Agencies that do not report to the governor must set their own timelines.

By the specified initial submission date for the review's completion, and as often as set by the governor or agency as applicable, each agency must submit a summary of the review results to the Regulation Review Committee administrator, the committee of cognizance, and the Government Oversight Committee.

As under existing law, the agency's review must at least include (1) recommendations for reducing regulations' number and length; (2) determinations on whether they are obsolete, unused, inconsistent with other laws, no longer effective, or the subject of written complaints; and (3) recommendations on extraordinary circumstances warranting their waiver. The bill also generally maintains the existing law's provisions requiring the committees of cognizance to conduct public hearings on agency reviews and act on agency recommendations.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

The bill requires any state agency that contracts for at least \$100,000 in consulting services for a study with recommendations for future actions by the agency to submit a report to the Government Oversight Committee. The report must summarize the findings of the consultant's report and whether the agency has implemented or intends to implement any of its recommendations, and if so, by what date. The agency must submit the report to the committee within one year after

receiving the study results or final report from the consulting service.

For this provision, a “state agency” is any office, department, board, council, commission, institution, constituent unit of the state higher education system, technical education and career school, or other executive branch agency.

“Consultant services” include administrative, planning, analysis, statistical, or research services rendered by an architect; professional engineer; accountant; planner; or environmental, management, or financial specialist (including incidental services that those professions and their employees are authorized to perform) to recommend a state agency’s course of action.

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 7184, § 5, reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, contains identical provisions regarding consultant reports.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 0 (02/25/2025)