

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5422

AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND

**Title:** INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE.

**Vote Date:** 2/14/2025

**Vote Action:** Vote to Draft

**PH Date:** 3/14/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Rep. Aundre Bumgardner, 41<sup>st</sup> Dist.

Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky, 85<sup>th</sup> Dist.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

There has been a growing concern in the state for increased transparency and accountability in government. The efficiency and costs of how state programs are managed is an area that has received some concerns over increased transparency. With programs and funds being reviewed to audit efficiency, this could provide the opportunity for improvements in these programs to be refined and increase its ability to provide better service. This bill would seek to reestablish the program review for investigations to address these concerns.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Sara Mendillo, Middlesex Chamber of Commerce:**

The bill reinstates a critical committee that was disbanded in 2017. Reestablishing the Committee is a step towards improving transparency and accountability in state government. The bill touches on broad themes of public trust and fiscal responsibility. Adoption could lead

to improvements in how state programs are managed resulting in enhanced service delivery and cost savings.

**Ben Shaiken, Director of Government Relations, The Alliance:**

In recent years there have been many working groups, taskforces, councils, and other bodies to provide reports, recommendations, and research issues to aid in the creations of future legislation. Many are valuable but could be supplemented by re-establishing the PRI committee. Evaluating state programs helps to ensure that state resources are used efficiently and in the most impactful way possible.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

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