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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR THE
REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE
AGENCIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

15 the agency's available appropriations, and (2) may establish a schedule
16 of dates for the review of various portions of such regulations upon the
17 agreement of the committee of cognizance and the administrative head
18 of the agency.

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33 whether each of its existing regulations [(A)] (i) is obsolete, [(B)] (ii) has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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 4-189h of the general statutes is
85 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
86 *1, 2025*):

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

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

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

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

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

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

111 executive branch of state government.

112 (b) Any state agency that contracts with a firm to provide consulting
113 services at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars or more for purposes
114 of producing a study or other report with recommendations for future
115 actions for the state agency to undertake shall, not later than one year
116 after receiving the results of such study or a final report from such firm,
117 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
118 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
119 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
120 oversight, summarizing the findings of the entity's report, whether any
121 recommendations have been implemented by the agency, whether the
122 state agency intends to implement any such recommendations in the
123 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