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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 5267**

#### ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

Current law requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, within available appropriations, to establish and maintain on OPM's website the Municipal Grant Portal for posting all state-funded municipal grant applications. (In practice, OPM is in the process of developing the portal.)

This bill (1) expands the portal's purpose to cover all state-funded grant applications for grants administered or provided by state agencies; (2) renames the portal as the "State Grant Portal"; (3) requires it to include a webpage dedicated to state-funded municipal grant applications and municipal request forms (as current law requires for the Municipal Grant Portal); and (4) sets a July 1, 2026, deadline for the secretary to establish the portal.

As under current law, the portal must include (1) a searchable database for locating information about the grants and (2) features to encourage active recruitment and participation in the grant application process. (The bill makes conforming changes so that these requirements apply to all state-funded grants and not just municipal ones.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sHB 7184, §§ 7 & 8, reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, requires any municipality that receives a state grant for a study to report the study's findings to OPM for posting on the Municipal Grant Portal. It also sets a January 1, 2026, deadline for OPM

to establish the portal and expands the information that must be available on the portal to include, by July 1, 2026, a searchable database of the reported findings of any study funded by a state grant.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/26/2025)