
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7220 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COSTS TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPTS FOR PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED BEFORE PUBLIC AGENCIES.

SUMMARY

This bill (1) requires that a recording or stenographic record of proceedings before an agency be transcribed if a party requests it and (2) assigns the cost of any copy or transcript of the recording or record against the requesting party. Under the bill, a transcript consists of an agency proceeding's official written record, or a part of it, a stenographer produces, including things like testimony and counsel arguments. Agencies are generally state boards, commissions, departments, or officers authorized by law to make regulations or determine contested cases (CGS § 4-166).

The bill allows a stenographer to charge a party a one-time \$2.40 rate for each transcript page the party requests and stenographer transcribes from the official proceeding record before an agency. It prescribes what constitutes a transcript page (i.e. 27 double-spaced lines on 8.5 by 11-inch paper, with 60 spaces per line), which can be on paper or stored in an electronic form.

Under the bill, the agency that requests the transcript is responsible for its costs. The bill prohibits it from charging or otherwise seeking reimbursement for it from another party to the proceeding.

*House Amendment "A" applies the bill's requirements to agencies under the scope of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, instead of public agencies covered by the state's freedom of information law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 0 (04/10/2025)