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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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Judiciary Committee

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

SUMMARY: This act (1) requires that a recording or stenographic record of proceedings before an agency be transcribed if a party to the proceeding requests it and (2) assigns the cost of any copy or transcript of the recording or record against the requesting party. Under the act, 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 act allows a stenographer to charge a party a one-time \$2.40 rate for each transcript page the party requests and stenographer transcribes. It specifies 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 act, an agency that requests a transcript is responsible for its costs. It cannot charge or otherwise seek reimbursement for it from another party to the proceeding.

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