

# Government Oversight Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-425 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

**Title:** AN ACT REQUIRING ANNUAL STATE AGENCY PERFORMANCE PLANS.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/10/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen Cicarella, Sen Sampson, Sen Gordon

### REASONS FOR BILL:

SB 425 requires all state agencies to develop and implement an annual performance plan (by July 1, 2027), that outlines their strategic and operational goals. OPM is required to establish guidelines for such plans and is required to provide training and technical assistance in plan development and implementation to state agencies upon request.

Additionally, each state agency is required to annually report to OPM (beginning January 1, 2028), their performance plan and its progress in attaining strategic and operational goals. A copy of each report is required to be submitted to the joint standing committee having cognizance of each respective agency.

### SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Carves out the watchdogs from being required to report to OPM, and only requires them to report to the committee of cognizance (lines 19-23, 25-29).

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

#### [Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner, Department of Social Services:](#)

The Department of Social Services opposes this bill because the robust reporting requirements included in the bill will strain the Department's already taxed workforce. These new requirements will pull DSS staff away from program operation and ongoing efforts to implement new guidance from the federal government.

**Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director, Office of State Ethics:**

Peter Lewandowski believes the language of SB 425, by which the Office of Policy and Management (“OPM”) would be responsible for evaluations of performance plans, raises considerable concerns for the OSE. It is requested that subsection (c) of section 1 of SB 425 should be revised to place the report and evaluation process of the OSE’s performance plan and its progress in the hands of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly that has cognizance over the agency, and not the OPM.

**Ryan M. Burns, Executive Director, State Elections Enforcement Commission:**

Ryan M. Burns strongly opposes this bill as drafted in the need to preserve the agency’s independence which is essential to fulfilling its mission without improper political influence.

**Timothy D. Larson, Commissioner, Office of Higher Education:**

Commissioner Larson opposes this bill with concerns regarding the additional administrative burden this proposal may create for state agencies. Larson explains that establishing a new statutory requirement for annual performance plans, reporting, and recurring legislative hearings would duplicate existing oversight mechanisms while diverting resources away from core programmatic responsibilities and services provided to the public.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**William Dellacamera, Citizen:**

William Dellacamera who owns a farm in Connecticut strongly supports this bill because it establishes structured performance planning and reporting for state agencies is a constructive step toward improving transparency and accountability in state government.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff  
Legislative Intern- Sara Velasco**

**Date: 3/19/26**