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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5254**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

By law, agencies must periodically review their regulations and the legislative committee of cognizance must consider the agency's recommendations. This bill eliminates the requirement that each committee, in consultation with the agencies within its cognizance, establish a timeline for conducting these reviews at least every seven years. It instead transfers responsibility for setting the timeline to the governor's office, if the agency reports to him, or to the agency itself if it does not report to the governor. It keeps the maximum seven-year cycle and adds to the legislative committees that receive these reviews and timelines.

The bill also requires agencies, on the same schedule as their required reviews, to (1) post a list of the regulations it recommends for elimination on the agency's website and the eRegulations system and (2) allow for public comment on the list through the eRegulations system.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

#### **AGENCY REGULATION REVIEWS**

Current law requires each legislative committee, at least every seven years, to consult with state agencies within its cognizance to set a date by which the agency will submit a review of its existing regulations to the committee. Committees must notify the Regulation Review Committee administrator about these dates and any extensions.

The bill instead requires, by February 1, 2027, the governor’s office, for each executive branch agency that reports to the governor, to (1) set an agency-specific timeline for reviewing its existing regulations and (2) notify the Regulation Review and Government Oversight committees about these timelines. Agencies that do not report to the governor must set their own timelines. As under current law, the review must occur at least every seven years.

By the specified initial submission date for the review’s completion, and as often as set by the governor or agency as applicable, each agency must submit a summary of the review results to the Regulation Review Committee administrator, the committee of cognizance, and the Government Oversight Committee.

As under existing law, the agency’s review must at least include (1) recommendations for reducing regulations’ number and length; (2) determinations on whether they are obsolete, unused, inconsistent with other laws, no longer effective, or the subject of written complaints; and (3) recommendations on extraordinary circumstances warranting their waiver.

Current law requires the committee of cognizance to hold a public hearing within 90 days of receiving the agency’s review. The bill instead allows committees to do so. The bill otherwise maintains the committee’s authority to act on agency recommendations.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)