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Substitute House Bill No. 5254

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The Committee on Government Oversight reported through REP. DATHAN of the 142nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 [(a) Not later than July 1, 2017, and not later than every seven years
4 thereafter, each committee of cognizance, in consultation with each
5 agency that is within the cognizance of the committee, shall establish the
6 date by which each such agency shall submit a review of its existing
7 regulations and shall notify the administrator of the regulation review
8 committee of each such date and any extension thereof. In establishing
9 such date, or any extension of the date that may be requested by the
10 agency, the committee of cognizance (1) shall consider the volume and
11 complexity of such regulations and the personnel and other resources
12 of the agency that would be available to undertake the review within

13 the agency's available appropriations, and (2) may establish a schedule
14 of dates for the review of various portions of such regulations upon the
15 agreement of the committee of cognizance and the administrative head
16 of the agency.

17 (b) Not later than the date specified by the committee of cognizance
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such agency shall submit
19 to the committee of cognizance and to the administrator of the
20 regulation review committee]

21 (a) Not later than February 1, 2027, (1) (A) the office of the Governor
22 shall prescribe an individual timetable for each agency of the Executive
23 Department that reports to the Governor, and (B) any other agency not
24 in the Executive Department shall prescribe an individual timetable for
25 such agency, to conduct a review of its existing regulations, [which]
26 provided any such individual timetable shall be not later than every
27 seven years, and (2) the office of the Governor shall notify the regulation
28 review committee and the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
30 oversight of each such individual timetable. Any such review of existing
31 regulations shall include, but need not be limited to: [(1)] (A) The
32 agency's recommendations on how it may substantially reduce the
33 number and length of its existing regulations; [(2)] (B) the agency's
34 determination of whether each of its existing regulations [(A)] (i) is
35 obsolete, [(B)] (ii) has not been used within the preceding seven years,
36 [(C)] (iii) is inconsistent with any provision of the general statutes,
37 federal law or any regulation adopted under the general statutes or
38 federal law, [(D)] (iv) has been the subject of written complaints, and
39 [(E)] (v) is otherwise no longer effective; and [(3)] (C) the agency's
40 recommendation, if any, regarding any extraordinary circumstances in
41 which waivers from its existing regulations may be appropriate.

42 (b) Not later than the specified initial submission date for the
43 completion of such review determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this
44 section, and, thereafter, the reoccurring scheduled timetable prescribed
45 individually by the office of the Governor or the agency, as applicable,

46 each agency shall (1) submit a summary of the results of the review
47 conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the administrator of
48 the regulation review committee, the committee of cognizance and the
49 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
50 matters relating to government oversight, in accordance with the
51 provisions of section 11-4a, and (2) post a listing of any regulations
52 recommended to be repealed on its Internet web site and the
53 eRegulations System and shall provide a public comment period for
54 interested persons to present their views on the proposed repeal of such
55 regulations on the eRegulations System.

56 (c) Upon receipt of an agency's [review] summary of the results of its
57 review, the committee of cognizance [shall] may schedule a public
58 hearing, which, if applicable, shall be held not later than ninety days
59 following such receipt. The committee of cognizance shall make copies
60 of the [review] summary available to the public at least fifteen days prior
61 to [the] any hearing.

62 (d) Following the public hearing, if applicable: (1) The committee of
63 cognizance may request the agency to initiate the process under chapter
64 54 to carry out a recommendation of the agency under subsection [(b)]
65 (a) of this section to amend or repeal an existing regulation which, in the
66 determination of the committee of cognizance, does not require the
67 enactment of authorizing legislation, and (2) the committee of
68 cognizance shall consider any recommendation by the agency under
69 subsection [(b)] (a) of this section which, in the determination of the
70 committee of cognizance, would require the enactment of authorizing
71 legislation.

72 (e) If an agency fails to submit a summary of the results of the review
73 of its regulations to the committee of cognizance, [and] the
74 administrator of the regulation review committee and the joint standing
75 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
76 relating to government oversight as required by subsection (b) of this
77 section or if the committee of cognizance determines that the agency has
78 not conducted a satisfactory review of its regulations as required by

79 [said] subsection (a) of this section, the committee of cognizance may:
 80 (1) Conduct a review of the existing regulations of the agency, as
 81 described in subsection [(b)] (a) of this section, (2) request the agency to
 82 initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of
 83 the committee of cognizance pursuant to such review to amend or
 84 repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the
 85 committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing
 86 legislation, and (3) introduce legislation to authorize the agency to
 87 amend or repeal existing regulations. If the agency fails to initiate the
 88 process to amend or repeal an existing regulation pursuant to
 89 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the committee of cognizance may
 90 introduce legislation requiring the agency to initiate such process.

91 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 4-189h of the general statutes is
 92 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 93 *1, 2026*):

94 (3) "Existing regulation" means a regulation that was adopted by an
 95 agency no later than one year prior to the scheduled date of review, as
 96 provided in subsection [(b)] (a) of section 4-189i, as amended by this act;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4-189i
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4-189h(3)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sec. 1(b), "eliminated" and "elimination" were changed to "repealed" and "repeal", respectively, for consistency.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes procedural changes regarding state agencies' self-reviews of regulations, which result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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)