OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7220

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF A MUNICIPAL ETHICS BOARD TO THE SUPERIOR COURT UNDER THE UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

SUMMARY

By law, a municipality may establish a board, commission, council, committee, or other agency to investigate allegations of unethical conduct, corrupting influence, or illegal activities levied against any of the municipality’s officials, officers, or employees. This bill gives a person aggrieved by any such entity’s decision the right to appeal it in the Superior Court under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA) (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Uniform Administrative Procedures Act

UAPA allows anyone aggrieved by an agency’s final decision, after exhausting all administrative remedies available within the agency, to file an appeal in the Superior Court, generally within 45 days after the final decision was mailed or, if the decision was not mailed, within 45 days after personal delivery.

Under UAPA, “agency” means each state board, commission, department, or officer authorized by law to make regulations or to determine contested cases. But it does not include either house or any committee of the General Assembly, the courts, the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General; town or regional boards of education; or automobile dispute settlement panels.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee
Joint Favorable
Yea  33  Nay  2  (04/12/2019)