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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6073**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill transfers responsibility for conducting periodic reviews of a state agency's existing regulations from the legislative committee of cognizance to the state agency itself. Under current law, each legislative committee, at least every seven years, must consult with state agencies within its cognizance to establish a date the agency will submit a review of its existing regulations to the committee. Committees must notify the Regulation Review Committee administrator of these dates and any extensions approved by the committee of cognizance.

The bill eliminates these provisions and instead requires each agency to conduct these reviews by June 30, 2027, submit a summary of its review by June 30, 2028, and then do so again at least every seven years. The summary must be submitted to the committee of cognizance and the Regulation Review Committee administrator.

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.

Finally, the bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **ACTION ON AGENCY REVIEWS**

The bill generally maintains the existing provisions for conducting

public hearings on agency reviews and acting on agency recommendations.

Current law requires that upon receiving a review from an agency, the committee of cognizance must hold a public hearing on the review within 90 days of receiving it. The bill instead requires this after receiving the summary. The committee must make copies of the submission publicly available at least 15 days before the hearing.

Following the hearing, the committee may ask the agency to proceed in amending or repealing any regulations within its authority through the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA). The committee must also consider recommendations that require legislative authorization in the committee's opinion.

If an agency fails to submit a summary, or the committee deems an agency's review unsatisfactory, the committee may:

1. conduct its own review;
2. ask the agency, within its authority, to initiate proceedings under UAPA to implement the committee's recommendations; and
3. introduce legislation to authorize the agency to amend or repeal existing regulations (presumably outside the agency's current authority).

If the agency fails to initiate the proceedings, the committee may introduce legislation requiring an agency to commence this process.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 0 (02/25/2025)