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Fiscal Note

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 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Administrative Rules	

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the promulgation of rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act

Proposed law provides that if an agency is proposing to adopt a new rule, the agency shall identify and give notice of its intention to repeal two rules; requires that rules adopted in accordance with R.S. 49:961 shall expire on June 30th of the year following the year of its adoption unless legislation is enacted to continue the effectiveness of the rule; requires oversight committees to conduct hearings on all rules that are proposed; requires oversight committees to conduct hearings for the purpose of reviewing the report containing a statement of the action taken by the agency with respect to adoption, amendment, or repeal of each rule proposed.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable but significant increase in expenditures, potentially across all state means of finance (reported in this fiscal note as SGF for simplicity), for all state agencies as a result of changes to the administrative rulemaking procedure. Proposed law provides that if an agency proposes to adopt a new rule, the agency shall identify and provide notice of its intention to repeal two existing rules. Also, proposed law requires that new rules adopted will expire on June 30th of the year following their adoption.

State Agencies. There will likely be a significant increase in workload for state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, the Office of the State Register (OSR) to prepare, submit, review, process, and/or publish the information related to the repeal of two existing rules and any rules that are resubmitted because they are not codified in statute. While some agencies report that there will be no fiscal impact, other agencies report that proposed law may create a significant burden on existing staff and may require additional T.O. dedicated to processing rules. OSR's publication costs will likely increase due to the increased volume and length of rules. Any additional costs to OSR will be billed to the rulemaking agency.

For informational purposes, the current publication cost is \$213 per page. In rulemaking, the document is printed twice (once as a Notice of Intent and once as a Rule). OSR estimates that in FY 25 there were 286 rules promulgated for an estimated total of \$699,372. Proposed law will likely increase the number of rules promulgated annually and may increase the length of rules. The exact fiscal impact on state agencies is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many rules will be published in any given year, but it will likely be significant.

Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO). There is no anticipated direct material effect on LFO as a result of this measure. The LFO will utilize existing resources to handle the increased workload.

Legislative. Proposed law may result in an increase in SGF expenditures for additional legislative committee meetings. Legislators are eligible to receive per diem and travel reimbursements for meetings held outside of legislative sessions. The current per diem rate is \$178 and the current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.725. Actual expenditures are dependent on the number of new meetings outside of the legislative session, the number of members on each oversight committee, and the actual mileage traveled to attend the meeting.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in IAT and SGR revenue to OSR for fees associated with rules promulgated annually statewide. The current publication cost is \$213 per page. In rulemaking, the document is printed twice (once as Notice of Intent and once as a Rule). The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many rules and the respective length of each rule that will be published in any given year.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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