

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

SB 171

2019 Regular Session

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Present law requires each board or commission authorized to issue a license, permit, or certificate under present law to submit quarterly reports to the appropriate legislative oversight committees and to the House and Senate governmental affairs committees that contain:

- (1) The number of complaints received regarding board actions or procedures.
- (2) A summary of each such complaint and the disposition of each complaint.

Proposed law would have retained present law but changed the agency that receives the reports from the governmental affairs committee to the legislative auditor.

Present law further requires that each board or commission to give notice to each applicant and licensee that complaints about actions or procedures of the board or commission may be submitted directly to the House and Senate governmental affairs committees. Requires each board or commission to post a notice of the ability to submit complaints to the House and Senate governmental affairs committees in a conspicuous place on the website of the board or commission.

Proposed law would have retained present law but designated the legislative auditor instead of the House and Senate governmental affairs committees as the proper entity that an applicant or licensee may submit complaints to about actions or procedures of the board or commission.

Present law requires a legislative mandate for an executive branch agency to produce a report to expire five years after legislative approval of the mandate. Requires the producing agency to notify the legislature of the impending expiration. Regardless of the legislative committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the report, authorizes the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the producing agency to extend the mandate for an additional five years by an affirmative vote of each committee. Provides for the first reports to expire July 1, 2019.

Present law provides for reports mandated before July 1, 2018, to expire on the July 1st following June 30, 2019, in the earliest year that is a multiple of five years after the mandate was initiated.

Proposed law would have repealed present law.

Would have become effective June 30, 2019.

(Would have amended R.S. 37:23.2; would have repealed R.S. 49:1401)

**VETO MESSAGE:** "Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 171 of the 2019 Regular Session.

Senate Bill 171 would repeal provisions of law enacted in the 2018 Regular Session that established a five-year sunset on reports required to be submitted by executive branch agencies to the legislature. Each standing committee is authorized to extend the sunset for individual reports in its discretion.

Agencies are required to submit hundreds of reports to the legislature annually, many of which are required by legislation enacted many years ago that no longer serve a useful purpose. However, state employees and agencies continue to expend both time and money to prepare these reports. Allowing the reporting requirements to sunset unless reauthorized will create efficiencies within executive branch agencies that will allow our limited resources to be utilized elsewhere."