
DIGEST

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HB 6 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Repeals provisions providing for the automatic expiration of requirements for reports by executive branch agencies and instead requires evaluation of the necessity for the reports by standing committees of the legislature.

Present law (R.S. 49:1401) provides that a legislative mandate for an executive branch agency to produce a report expires five years after legislative approval of the mandate. Requires the producing agency to notify the legislature of the impending expiration. Authorizes the standing committee with jurisdiction over the producing agency to extend a mandate for an additional five years. Provides for the first reports to expire July 1, 2019.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the executive branch agency tasked with producing a report to notify the committees of the pending expiration of the mandate no later than the Jan. 1st immediately preceding the expiration date. Requires the notification to include at a minimum a citation of the original mandate requiring the report, a copy of the most recent report, and an estimate of the agency resources including costs expended in producing the report.

Proposed law instead requires each executive branch agency required by law to produce one or more reports to submit a notice to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate. Requires the notice to be submitted no later than Jan. 1, 2022, and every fourth year thereafter. Requires the notice to include at a minimum a citation of the law requiring the agency to produce the report, an estimate of the agency resources including costs expended in producing the report, and the opinion of the agency regarding the continued necessity of the report.

Proposed law requires the speaker and the president to each promptly forward the notice to the appropriate standing committee or committees of his house.

Proposed law requires each standing committee that receives a notice to evaluate the necessity for the continuation of the requirement for the agency to produce the report. If a standing committee finds that a requirement to produce a report should terminate, proposed law requires the committee to cause legislation to be introduced to repeal the requirement.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 49:1401)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require the agency to give its opinion regarding the continued necessity of the report rather than its determination regarding the same.