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Senate Bill 435 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Administrative Procedures Act to require agencies and legislative committees to review rules every five years to assess their impact on small businesses since the rules took effect. The bill also would require an agency's annual regulatory plan to identify all existing rules promulgated by the agency and whether those rules should be continued, changed, or rescinded, considering their statutory and public policy purpose.

Specifically, within five years after the effective date of any new rules promulgated by an agency after the bill's effective date, or within four years after the bill's effective date for rules in effect on that date, an agency and the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and the House would have to review each set of rules to determine whether there was any increased impact on businesses, including small businesses, since the effective date of those rules. After the first review of new or existing rules, the agency and the appropriate Senate and House standing committees would have to review rules on the five-year anniversary of the initial review and every five years after that.

The review would have to include all of the following:

- The continued need for the rules.
- The nature of any complaints or comments received from the public.
- The complexity of complying with the rules.
- The extent to which the rules conflicted with or duplicated similar rules or regulations adopted by the Federal government or local units of government.
- The date of the rules' last evaluation and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors had changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase the costs of State government due to the expanded annual review of rules that would be required of each State agency and the proposed review every five years of the impact of the rules on businesses, including small businesses, and other regulatory issues. These reviews would require additional staff effort by State agencies and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (SOAHR) within the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth. The amount of additional cost is unknown. The costs of SOAHR are billed back to departments through interdepartmental grants.

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