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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE - BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.5 requires the Legislative Management, during each biennium, to appoint an Administrative Rules Committee in the same manner the Legislative Management appoints other interim committees. The membership of the committee includes at least one of the members who served during the most recently completed regular session of the Legislative Assembly from each of the standing committees of either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

Section 54-35-02.6 requires the committee to review administrative rules adopted under Chapter 28-32. The committee is responsible for studying and reviewing administrative rules and related statutes to determine whether:

1. Administrative agencies are properly implementing legislative purpose and intent.
2. There is dissatisfaction with administrative rules or with statutes relating to administrative rules.
3. There are unclear or ambiguous statutes relating to administrative rules.

NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The North Dakota Administrative Code, published by the Legislative Council pursuant to Section 28-32-19, contains all rules adopted by administrative agencies subject to Chapter 28-32 (the Administrative Agencies Practice Act). The Administrative Code consists of 132 titles. Ninety-eight titles contain rules of administrative agencies. Sixteen agencies voluntarily publish their rules in the Administrative Code, although these agencies are excluded from the definition of administrative agency. The remaining 18 titles are either repealed, reserved, defunct, or declared unconstitutional.

North Dakota was the first state to adopt an Administrative Procedure Act, enacting the first version of Chapter 28-32 in 1941 based partly on an earlier tentative draft of what became the 1946 Model State Administrative Procedure Act approved by the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Until July 1, 2019, under Section 28-32-20, the Administrative Code was distributed without charge to each county auditor, Supreme Court justice and district court judge, and to certain state agencies and libraries. In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill No. 1422 (2019) to replace the publication of the CD-ROM format with an electronic notification of the quarterly updates to the Administrative Code. Beginning with the October 2019 publication, the Secretary of State is required to provide free electronic notification of quarterly updates to the same entities that received the CD-ROM disc and to any person requesting electronic notification.

The numbering for the Administrative Code is similar to the numbering used for the Century Code. However, while Century Code sections are designated by numbers having three parts separated by hyphens, Administrative Code section numbers consist of four parts separated by hyphens. The first part designates the agency (title); the second part designates the major activity or division within the agency (article); the third part designates the subject within the major activity (chapter); and the fourth part designates the rule (section).

Although rules differ in length and complexity, comparison of the number of administrative rules sections affected during biennial periods is one method of comparing the volume of administrative rules

reviewed by the committee since its creation in 1979. The following table shows the number of sections of the Administrative Code amended, repealed, created, superseded, reserved, or redesignated during each identified time period:

Time Period	Number of Sections
July 1979 - October 1980	1,440
November 1980 - August 1982	916
September 1982 - November 1984	1,856
December 1984 - October 1986	1,280
November 1986 - October 1988	2,681
November 1988 - October 1990	2,325
November 1990 - October 1992	3,079
November 1992 - October 1994	3,235
November 1994 - October 1996	2,762
November 1996 - October 1998	2,789
November 1998 - November 2000	2,074
December 2000 - November 2002	1,417
December 2002 - November 2004	2,306
December 2004 - November 2006	1,353
January 2007 - October 2008	1,194
January 2009 - October 2010	1,451
January 2011 - October 2012	907
January 2013 - October 2014	1,383
January 2015 - October 2016	2,108
January 2017 - October 2018	3,736
January 2019 - October 2020	1,950
January 2021 - October 2022	1,218
January 2023 - October 2024	1,531

For committee review of rules, the Legislative Council prepares an Administrative Code supplement containing all rules changes submitted for publication since the previous committee meeting. The supplement is prepared in a style similar to bill drafts--changes are indicated by overstrike and underscore. Comparison of the number of pages of rules amended, created, or repealed is another method of comparing the volume of administrative rules reviewed by the committee. The following table shows the number of pages in committee supplements during each designated time period:

Time Period	Supplement Pages
November 1992 - October 1994	3,809
November 1994 - October 1996	3,140
November 1996 - October 1998	4,123
November 1998 - November 2000	1,947
December 2000 - November 2002	2,016
December 2002 - November 2004	4,085
December 2004 - November 2006	1,920
January 2007 - October 2008	1,663
January 2009 - October 2010	2,011
January 2011 - October 2012	2,399
January 2013 - October 2014	2,116
January 2015 - October 2016	2,938
January 2017 - October 2018	4,047
January 2019 - October 2020	2,285
January 2021 - October 2022	1,716
January 2023 - October 2024	1,939

STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR RULES REVIEW

Before 1977, agencies were authorized to adopt administrative rules, but there was no compilation or central source for administrative rules. In 1977, the Legislative Assembly enacted Section 28-32-19 (originally Section 28-32-03.1), which requires the Legislative Council to compile and publish the Administrative Code. From July 1978 to September 2005, Administrative Code supplements were published the month after rules were filed with the Legislative Council for publication. Since September

2005, Administrative Code supplements have been published on a quarterly calendar basis. The current deadlines and effective dates are:

Filing Date	Committee Meeting Deadline	Effective Date
August 2 - November 1	December 15	January 1
November 2 - February 1	March 15	April 1
February 2 - May 1	June 15	July 1
May 2 - August 1	September 15	October 1

In 1979, the Legislative Assembly enacted the statutes providing for legislative review of administrative rules. In 1995, the Legislative Assembly enacted statutory authority for the committee to void administrative rules on specific grounds. In 2005, the Legislative Assembly enacted a bill providing that, except for emergency rules, administrative rules do not become effective until after the rules have been reviewed by the committee.

Section 54-35-02.5 directs the Legislative Management to appoint biennially an Administrative Rules Committee and to designate the Chairman of the committee. The committee must operate according to the statutes and procedures governing the operation of the Legislative Management interim committees. However, because the committee is established by statute, the committee is not discharged upon making its report to the Legislative Management at the end of the interim and the committee may be called to meet at any time, including during a legislative session.

The Legislative Management has assigned the committee the responsibility under Sections 28-32-07, 28-32-10, and 28-32-42 to approve extensions of time for administrative agencies to adopt rules, establish standard procedures for administrative agency compliance with notice requirements for proposed rulemaking, establish a procedure to distribute copies of administrative agency filings of notice of proposed rulemaking, and receive notice of appeal of an administrative agency's rulemaking action.

Objection to Rules

In 1981, the Legislative Assembly enacted Section 28-32-17 (originally Section 28-32-03.3) authorizing the committee to make formal objections to agency rules. If the committee objects to a rule because the committee determines the rule to be unreasonable, arbitrary, capricious, or beyond the authority delegated to the adopting agency, the committee may file that objection in certified form with the Legislative Council. If the committee files an objection, the burden of persuasion is upon the agency in any action for judicial review or for enforcement of the rule to establish the rule is within the procedural and substantive authority delegated to the agency. If the agency fails to meet its burden of persuasion, the court must declare the rule invalid, and judgment must be rendered against the agency for court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees.

Voiding and Carrying Over Rules

In 1995, legislation was enacted to expand the authority of the committee in reviewing rules. Section 28-32-18 allows the committee to find all or a portion of a rule is void if the rule initially is considered by the committee not later than the 15th day of the month before the date of the Administrative Code supplement in which the rule change is scheduled to appear and the committee makes the specific finding there is:

1. An absence of statutory authority.
2. An emergency relating to public health, safety, or welfare.
3. A failure of the adopting agency to comply with express legislative intent or to substantially meet the procedural requirements of Chapter 28-32 regarding adoption of the rule.
4. A conflict with state law.
5. Arbitrariness and capriciousness.
6. A failure of the adopting agency to make a written record of its consideration or written and oral submissions respecting the rule during the hearing process and comment period.

Section 28-32-18 allows the committee to carry consideration of a rule to one subsequent committee meeting to determine whether to void the rule. A rule carried over for consideration is delayed in taking effect until the 1st day of the calendar quarter following the meeting at which the rule is reconsidered.

A 2011 change, which amended Section 28-32-18, provided if an agency representative does not appear at the scheduled meeting, the rules automatically are held over for consideration. This change further provides if a representative does not appear at the subsequent meeting, the rules are void if the rules are emergency rules and otherwise the committee may void the rules, allow the rules to become effective, or carry over consideration of the rules.

If the committee finds a rule to be void, the Legislative Council must provide written notice of the finding to the adopting agency and the Chairman of the Legislative Management. The adopting agency may file a petition with the Chairman of the Legislative Management within 14 days after receipt of the notice to request the Legislative Management to review the committee's decision. If the adopting agency does not file a petition for review, the rule becomes void on the 15th day after the adopting agency received the notice from the Legislative Council. If the Legislative Management has not disapproved the finding of the committee within 60 days after receiving the petition from the adopting agency, the rule is void.

Because the Legislative Assembly recognized there are constitutional questions about the committee voiding rules, pursuant to House Bill No. 1284 (1995), an alternative amendment to Section 28-32-18 will take effect if the court rules the authority to void rules is unconstitutional. The alternative amendment is the same in all respects as the amendment allowing the committee to find rules void except, under the alternative amendment, the committee may not find a rule to be void but may suspend a rule or portion of a rule. The effect of a suspension is the rule becomes ineffective temporarily and will become permanently ineffective unless ratified by both houses of the Legislative Assembly during the next legislative session. The amendment requires the agency seeking ratification of a suspended rule to introduce a bill for that purpose. The authority of the Legislative Management to reverse the decision of the committee also applies in the case of a suspension of a rule.

Amending or Repealing Rules

Section 28-32-18 allows an agency to amend, repeal, or create a related rule after consideration of rules by the committee if the agency and committee agree the rule change is necessary to address any of the considerations for which the committee may find a rule to be void. This allows an agency to change an administrative rule when the committee expresses concerns, and in those circumstances the agency is not required to commence a new rulemaking proceeding. If the committee carries consideration of a rule to one subsequent committee meeting to decide whether to void the rule, an agency may present an amended rule at the subsequent committee meeting. If a rule change is agreed to by the committee and the agency, the rule must be reconsidered, if requested by the agency or any interested party, at a subsequent committee meeting and public comment on the agreed rule change must be allowed.

Section 28-32-18.1 permits an agency or the Ethics Commission to use an abbreviated procedure for a rule change for rules that are obsolete or for which constitutional or statutory rulemaking authority no longer applies. Section 28-32-18.1 requires the agency or the Ethics Commission to initiate a request to the committee and provide notice to the regulated community of the time and place that the committee will consider the request. The agency or the Ethics Commission and the committee must agree the rule amendment or repeal eliminates a provision that is obsolete or no longer in compliance with law and the elimination of the provision will not cause a detriment to the substantive rights of the regulated community.

Additionally, when the authority for adoption of the rules has been repealed or transferred to another agency, the Legislative Council may determine that a rule is repealed under Section 28-32-06.

RULEMAKING PROCEDURES

Agency and Rule Defined

Section 28-32-01(2) defines administrative agency as:

[E]ach board, bureau, commission, department, or other administrative unit of the executive branch of state government, including one or more officers, employees, or other persons directly or indirectly purporting to act on behalf or under authority of the agency. An administrative unit located within or subordinate to an administrative agency must be treated as part of that agency to the extent it purports to exercise authority subject to this chapter. The term administrative agency does not include:

- a. The office of management and budget except with respect to rules relating to conduct on the capitol grounds and in buildings located on the capitol grounds under section 54-21-18, rules relating to the classified service as authorized under section 54-44.3-07, and rules relating to state purchasing practices as required under section 54-44.4-04.
- b. The adjutant general with respect to the department of emergency services.
- c. The council on the arts.
- d. The state auditor.
- e. The department of commerce with respect to the division of economic development and finance.
- f. The dairy promotion commission.
- g. The education factfinding commission.
- h. The kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.
- i. The board of equalization.
- j. The board of higher education.
- k. The Indian affairs commission.
- l. The industrial commission with respect to the activities of the Bank of North Dakota, North Dakota housing finance agency, public finance authority, North Dakota mill and elevator association, North Dakota farm finance agency, the North Dakota transmission authority, and the North Dakota pipeline authority.
- m. The department of corrections and rehabilitation except with respect to the activities of the division of adult services under chapter 54-23.4.
- n. The pardon advisory board.
- o. The parks and recreation department.
- p. The parole board.
- q. The state fair association.
- r. The attorney general with respect to activities of the state toxicologist and the state crime laboratory.
- s. The administrative committee on veterans' affairs except with respect to rules relating to the supervision and government of the veterans' home and the implementation of programs or services provided by the veterans' home.
- t. The industrial commission with respect to the lignite research fund except as required under section 57-61-01.5.
- u. The attorney general with respect to guidelines adopted under section 12.1-32-15 for the risk assessment of sexual offenders, the risk level review process, and public disclosure of information under section 12.1-32-15.

- v. The commission on legal counsel for indigents.
- w. The attorney general with respect to twenty-four seven sobriety program guidelines and program fees.
- x. The industrial commission with respect to approving or setting water rates under chapter 61-40.
- y. The board of university and school lands with respect to the adjudicative proceeding requirements and procedures under sections 28-32-21 through 28-32-51.

Section 28-32-01(12) defines a rule as:

[T]he whole or a part of an agency or commission statement of general applicability which implements or prescribes law or policy or the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of the agency or commission. The term includes the adoption of new rules and the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule. The term does not include:

- a. A rule concerning only the internal management of an agency or the commission which does not directly or substantially affect the substantive or procedural rights or duties of any segment of the public.
- b. A rule that sets forth criteria or guidelines to be used by the staff of an agency or the commission in the performance of audits, investigations, inspections, and settling commercial disputes or negotiating commercial arrangements, or in the defense, prosecution, or settlement of cases, if the disclosure of the rule would:
 - (1) Enable law violators to avoid detection;
 - (2) Facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law; or
 - (3) Give a clearly improper advantage to persons who are in an adverse position to the state.
- c. A rule establishing specific prices to be charged for particular goods or services sold by an agency.
- d. A rule concerning only the physical servicing, maintenance, or care of agency-owned, agency-operated, commission-owned, or commission-operated facilities or property.
- e. A rule relating only to the use of a particular facility or property owned, operated, or maintained by the state or any of its subdivisions, if the substance of the rule is adequately indicated by means of signs or signals to persons who use the facility or property.
- f. A rule concerning only inmates of a correctional or detention facility, students enrolled in an educational institution, or patients admitted to a hospital, if adopted by that facility, institution, or hospital.
- g. A form whose contents or substantive requirements are prescribed by rule or statute or are instructions for the execution or use of the form.
- h. An agency or commission budget.
- i. An opinion of the attorney general.
- j. A rule adopted by an agency selection committee under section 54-44.7-03.
- k. Any material, including a guideline, interpretive statement, statement of general policy, manual, brochure, or pamphlet, which is explanatory and not intended to have the force and effect of law.

Rulemaking Deadline

Section 28-32-07 provides any rule change, including a creation, amendment, or repeal, made to implement a statutory change must be adopted and filed with the Legislative Council within 9 months of the effective date of the statutory change. If an administrative agency or the Ethics Commission needs

additional time, a request for additional time must be made to the committee. The committee may extend the time within which the agency or the commission must adopt the rule change if the request by the agency or the commission is supported by evidence the agency or the commission needs more time through no deliberate fault of its own.

Rulemaking Notice

Administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission are required by Section 28-32-10 to prepare a full notice and an abbreviated notice of rulemaking. The full notice must include a short, specific explanation of the proposed rule, include a determination of whether the proposed rule is expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000, identify at least one location where interested parties may review the proposed rule's text, provide the address to which written comments concerning the proposed rule may be sent, provide the deadline for submission of written comments, provide a telephone number and post-office or email address at which a copy of the rules and regulatory analysis may be requested, and provide the time and place set for oral hearing. In 2013, Section 28-32-10 was amended to require the full notice to include the bill number and subject matter of any legislation from the most recent legislative session which is being implemented by the proposed rule change. The full notice, including a copy of the proposed rules, must be filed with the Legislative Council. A copy of the full notice and proposed rule must be mailed or emailed by the administrative agency or the Ethics Commission to each legislator who sponsored or cosponsored a bill being implemented by the proposed rules. In 2019, Section 28-32-10 was amended to require the Ethics Commission's full notice to include "a statement of the provision of the Constitution of North Dakota or the bill number and general subject matter of any legislation that is being implemented by the proposed rule."

The abbreviated notice must be published at least once in each official county newspaper published in the state at least 20 days before the hearing on the rules. In 2025, Section 28-32-10 was amended to require the abbreviated notice to include "a short description of the general subject matter of the proposed rules submission" and an optional quick response code providing additional information.

In addition to other notice requirements, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must provide notice of any proposed rulemaking to each statewide association with a focus on education issues which has requested to receive notice and to each public school district's superintendent or the school board's president, if the district has no superintendent. The notice must be by first-class mail or, if requested by the recipient, by email.

For emergency rules, Section 28-32-03 requires administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission to attempt to provide notice to persons the agency or the commission reasonably can be expected to believe may have a substantial interest in the rules, or an interest that surpasses the common interest of all citizens. This section also requires the notice to identify the emergency status and effective date, notice be given to the Chairman of the committee, and the Legislative Council publish the notice and pending rules on its website.

Hearings

Each administrative agency and the Ethics Commission are required by Section 28-32-11 to adopt a procedure to afford all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, concerning a proposed rule, including data respecting the impact of the proposed rule. The agencies and the commission are required to consider fully and make a written record of its consideration of all submissions respecting a proposed rule before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule not of an emergency nature.

Comments

Administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission are required by Section 28-32-12 to allow a comment period of at least 10 days after a rulemaking hearing during which the agency or the commission will receive data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed rule. Received comments must become part of the rulemaking record to be considered by the agency or the commission before final action on the rule.

Attorney General Review

All administrative rules must be reviewed by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 28-32-14. The Attorney General may not approve a rule as to legality if the rule exceeds the agency's statutory authority, the rule is written in a manner that is not concise or easily understandable, or procedural requirements for adopting the rule are not substantially met.

Emergency Rules

An administrative agency, with the Governor's approval, and the Ethics Commission may adopt emergency rules pursuant to Section 28-32-03 due to imminent peril to public health, safety, or welfare; because a delay is likely to cause a loss of funds appropriated to support a duty imposed by law upon the agency or the commission; when reasonably necessary to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure; or when necessary to meet a federal law mandate. An emergency rule may be declared effective no earlier than the date of filing notice of rulemaking with the Legislative Council. An emergency rule becomes ineffective if the rule is not adopted as a final rule within 180 days after its declared effective date.

For emergency rulemaking, an agency and the commission must attempt to provide notice of the emergency rules to persons the agency or the commission can reasonably be expected to believe may have a substantial interest in the rules, or an interest in the effect of the rules which surpasses the common interest of all citizens. Section 28-32-03 also requires the agency and the commission to notify the Chairman of the committee of emergency rules, their effective date, and grounds for emergency status. The Legislative Council must publish the notice and emergency rules on its website.

Rule Notice Service

Under Section 28-32-10, the Legislative Council must establish a procedure to allow a person to request and receive copies of every rulemaking notice filed with the Legislative Council, and the committee may establish an annual fee to receive the notices. The notice must be sent to subscribers within 15 business days after receipt. The committee set a \$50 annual charge for providing notice of proposed rulemaking. As of June 1, 1997, there were 31 paid subscribers to this service. As of July 1, 2009, there were 14 paid subscribers to this service. Some of the reduction in paid subscriptions may be attributable to the fact notices have been made available on the legislative branch website since 1998. With the availability of an RSS feed to receive rulemaking notices, there have not been any paid subscribers since January 2013.

Regulatory Analysis

Administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission must prepare a regulatory analysis under Section 28-32-08, if a written request for the analysis is filed by the Governor or a member of the Legislative Assembly within 20 days after the notice date for a rule hearing or if the proposed rule's impact on the regulated community is expected to exceed \$50,000. The regulatory analysis must describe persons that likely will be affected by the rule, including classes that will bear costs and classes that will benefit from the proposed rule. The analysis must describe probable economic impact of the proposed rule and probable cost to the agency or the commission to implement and enforce the rule.

Fiscal Notes

When rules are presented for committee review, pursuant to Section 28-32-08.2, administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission must provide a fiscal note or a statement that the rules have no fiscal effect. Fiscal effect means an effect on state revenues and expenditures, including any effect on funds controlled by the agency or the commission.

Rules Affecting Small Entities

Before adoption of a rule that may impact small entities adversely, Section 28-32-08.1 requires the adopting agency to prepare an economic impact statement. A small entity includes a small business, small nonprofit organization, or a small political subdivision with a population of less than 5,000. This section does not apply to the Ethics Commission.

Constitutional Takings Assessment

Administrative agencies and the Ethics Commission are required to prepare a written assessment of constitutional takings implications of a proposed rule that may limit the use of private real property under Section 28-32-09. The agency and the commission are required to assess the likelihood the rule will result in a taking or regulatory taking of property and explain why no alternative action is available that would reduce impact on private property owners.

Under Section 28-32-09, a private landowner who is or may be affected by a rule that limits the use of the landowner's private real property may file a written request for reconsideration of the application or need for the rule. Within 30 days of receiving the request, the agency or the commission must consider the request and provide a written response to the landowner of whether the agency or commission intends to keep the rule in place, modify the rule, or repeal the rule.

Air Quality Rules

Section 23.1-06-06 prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from adopting ambient air quality rules or standards for sulfur dioxide that affect coal conversion or petroleum refineries, which are stricter than federal rules or standards under the federal Clean Air Act. The statute also prohibits the department from adopting air quality rules or standards for sulfur dioxide affecting such facilities when there are no corresponding federal rules or standards. Under this section, the department may adopt rules for addressing exposures of less than 1 hour to sulfur dioxide emissions on a source-by-source basis pursuant to any regulatory program for addressing short-term exposures to sulfur dioxide which may be established under the Clean Air Act. Any intervention levels or standards set forth in the rules may not be stricter than federal levels or standards recommended or adopted under the federal program. In adopting the rules, the department must follow all other provisions of state law governing the department's adoption of ambient air quality rules when there are no mandatory corresponding federal rules or standards.

Federal Guidelines

Under Section 28-32-04, administrative agencies may not adopt rules from federal guidelines that are irrelevant to state regulatory programs. The section also requires an agency to repeal or amend an existing rule adopted from federal guidelines which is not relevant to state regulatory programs.

Force of Law

Under Section 28-32-06, administrative rules have the force and effect of law until amended or repealed by the administrative agency or the Ethics Commission, declared invalid by a final court decision, suspended or found to be void by the committee, or determined repealed by the Legislative Council because the authority for adoption of the rules is repealed or transferred to another agency. The fact that administrative rules have the "force and effect of law" is significant. The North Dakota Supreme Court has held administrative agency practice or policy subject to the Administrative Agencies Practice Act is invalid unless it has been adopted as an administrative rule in compliance with the Act--*Little v. Spaeth*, 394 N.W.2d 700 (1986). A more difficult question arises in considering the force and effect of rules adopted by an agency excluded from coverage under the Administrative Agencies Practice Act. In *Jensen v. Little*, 459 N.W.2d 237 (1990), a State Penitentiary inmate challenged the validity of the Penitentiary drug testing program and penalties as being adopted in violation of the Administrative Agencies Practice Act. The court found the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation was at that time a part of the office of the Director of Institutions and the Director of Institutions was excluded from the definition of administrative agency and was not subject to the Administrative Agencies Practice Act. Although the court did not directly address the effect of rules adopted by an agency outside the Administrative Agencies Practice Act, and in a footnote urged the director and warden to adopt more formal approval procedures for Penitentiary rules to diminish future challenges to the rules, the court tacitly upheld the Penitentiary rules by allowing the penalty to stand.

GUIDELINES

The Legislative Council is required by Section 28-32-10 to establish procedures for agencies and the Ethics Commission to comply with notice requirements under Chapter 28-32. The [Guidelines Under North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-10](#) are the guidelines for agencies to follow in publishing notice of rulemaking.

POSSIBLE RULE REVIEW

During the 2023-24 interim, as rules were scheduled for review, each adopting agency was requested to provide the committee with written information in this format:

1. Whether the rules resulted from statutory changes made by the Legislative Assembly.
2. Whether the rules are related to any federal statute or regulation. If so, please indicate whether the rules are mandated by federal law or explain any options the agency had in adopting the rules.
3. A description of the rulemaking procedure followed in adopting the rules, e.g., the type of public notice given and the extent of public hearings held on the rules.
4. Whether any person has presented a written or oral concern, objection, or complaint for agency consideration with regard to the rules. If so, describe the concern, objection, or complaint and the response of the agency, including any change made in the rules to address the concern, objection, or complaint. Please summarize the comments of any person that offered comments at the public hearings on these rules.
5. The approximate cost of giving public notice and holding any hearing on the rules and the approximate cost (not including staff time) of developing and adopting the rules.
6. An explanation of the subject matter of the rules and the reasons for adopting the rules.
7. Whether a regulatory analysis was required by Section 28-32-08 and whether a regulatory analysis was issued. Please provide a copy.
8. Whether a regulatory analysis or economic impact statement of impact on small entities was required by Section 28-32-08.1 and whether a regulatory analysis or impact statement was issued. Please provide copies.
9. Whether the rules have a fiscal effect on state revenues and expenditures, including any effect on funds controlled by your agency. If so, please provide copies of a fiscal note.
10. Whether a constitutional takings assessment was prepared as required by Section 28-32-09. Please provide a copy if one was prepared.
11. If these rules were adopted as emergency (interim final) rules under Section 28-32-03, provide the statutory grounds from that section for declaring the rules to be an emergency and the facts that support that declaration and provide a copy of the Governor's approval of the emergency status of the rules.