

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 445

BY SENATOR HEWITT

STATE AGENCIES. Provides relative to reports required of the executive branch by statute or resolution. (7/1/18)

1 AN ACT  
2 To enact Chapter 21 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 49:1401, relative to reports required of agencies of the executive branch of  
4 Louisiana state government; to provide for automatic elimination of certain reports;  
5 to require notification before the automatic elimination; to provide for extension of  
6 reports scheduled for elimination; to provide for effective date; to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 21 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
10 comprised of R.S. 49:1401, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **CHAPTER 21. REPORTS**

12 **§1401. Reports of the executive branch**

13 **A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, a legislative**  
14 **mandate to produce any report required of an executive branch agency first**  
15 **occurring on or after July 1, 2018, shall expire on the July first following the**  
16 **fifth regular session after the mandate was approved by the legislature.**

17 **B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, a legislative**

1 mandate to produce any report required of an executive branch agency first  
 2 occurring on or before June 30, 2018, shall expire on the July first following  
 3 June 30, 2019, in the earliest year that is a multiple of five years after the  
 4 mandate was initially approved by the legislature.

5 C. The standing committees having jurisdiction over the agency tasked  
 6 with producing the report may extend the report for an additional five years by  
 7 an affirmative vote of the majority of each committee at any time before the  
 8 July first on which the mandate is set to expire.

9 D. The executive branch agency tasked with producing the report shall,  
 10 not later than the January first immediately preceding the expiration date,  
 11 notify the committees of the pending expiration of the report via electronic mail.  
 12 The notification shall include at a minimum a citation of the original mandate  
 13 requiring the report, a copy of the most recent report, and an estimate of the  
 14 agency resources including costs expended in producing the report.

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; if vetoed by the governor  
 16 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 17 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

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## DIGEST

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Present law requires the production of numerous reports, some of which are more utilized than others. Present resolution (SCR 84 of the 2016 Regular Session) requires the division of administration to compile a list of reports and various characteristics of each including the agency tasked with producing the report, the agency receiving the report, the frequency with which the report is prepared, and the format used for delivery of the report. Further requires the division to ascertain the efficacy of each report and to solicit input from the recipient agency regarding whether the report can be eliminated or prepared less frequently.

Proposed law provides that, except as provided in proposed law, a legislative mandate to produce any report required of an executive branch agency first occurring on or after July 1, 2018, shall expire on July first following the fifth regular session after the mandate was approved by the legislature.

Proposed law provides that, except as provided in proposed law, a legislative mandate to produce any report required of an executive branch agency first occurring on or before June 30, 2018, shall expire on the July first following June 30, 2019, in the earliest year that is a multiple of five years after the mandate was initially approved by the legislature.

Proposed law allows the standing committees having jurisdiction over the agency tasked with producing the report to continue the report for an additional five years by an affirmative vote of the majority of each committee at any time before the July first on which the mandate is set to expire.

Proposed law requires the executive branch agency tasked with producing the report to notify the committees of the pending expiration of the report via electronic mail not later than the January first immediately preceding the expiration date. Provides that the notification shall include 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.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 49:1401)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Remove references to specific reports.
2. Provide for expiration of reports first required of executive branch agencies on or before June 30, 2018.
3. Require the agency tasked with preparing the report to notify the standing committees of the pending expiration of the report via electronic mail.