
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The Bill

The bill would make the officers of a legislative committee limited, ex officio members of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) when a rule coming within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative committee is under consideration.

Under the bill, beginning on January 1, 2008, whenever JCARR takes up a rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof for consideration, the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ranking minority member of the standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives having jurisdiction over the subject matter also are members of JCARR during, and with regard to only, that consideration. The effect is temporarily to augment JCARR's membership to 16 members. Nine members of JCARR therefore constitute a quorum with regard to consideration of a rule and the concurrence of nine members is required to recommend that the House and Senate adopt a concurrent resolution invalidating or suspending a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof. Six members continue to constitute a quorum for all other purposes.

Fiscal Impact

Under current law, the members, when engaged in their duties as members of the Committee on days when there is not a voting session of the member's house of the General Assembly, are to be paid at the per diem rate of \$150, which will be paid from the funds appropriated for the payment of expenses of legislative committees. House members are paid out of GRF 025-321 and Senate members are paid out of GRF 020-321. According to a representative from JCARR, the Committee usually meets on Monday, so the member's house will not usually be in session when they need to serve as a member of JCARR.

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