

HB 715 -- RED TAPE REDUCTION COMMISSION

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This bill creates the "Red Tape Reduction Act" and the Office of Regulatory Management. A Chief Regulatory Management Officer shall be appointed by the Governor and must be an existing member of the Governor's staff. The officer may make reasonable requests for staff assistance from existing executive and legislative employees no later than three months after the enactment of this section. The office will conduct a baseline measurement of regulatory requirements through a review of all agency regulations currently in place, as specified in the bill. The bill creates a cap on the total number of regulatory requirements and administrative red tape, ensuring a zero net increase in regulatory requirements beginning six months after its enactment. The regulatory requirements and administrative red tape reduction target shall be a reduction of 35% of the existing regulatory requirements.

The office shall share information with the Office of the Secretary of State for the establishment of a website allowing the public to stay informed of all regulatory requirements and the progress towards the administrative red tape reduction goal. The website shall have a searchable online database of all current regulatory requirements, as specified in the bill.

The office also establishes a commission to be known as "Red Tape Reduction Commission." The members of the commission include the Speaker of the House and three volunteer members appointed by the speaker. The remaining members are specified in the bill.

The private sector volunteer members shall have a term lasting two years. No member of the commission shall receive compensation for serving on the commission, except for any actual or necessary expenses. All state agencies and political subdivisions of the state responsible for the administration of regulatory regulations shall cooperate with and assist the commission in the performance of its duties and shall make available all books, records, and information requested. The commission shall meet as often as necessary and its main focus will be preparing suggestions for the General Assembly regarding current regulatory requirements that could be sunset. Criteria for decision making are specified in the bill.

At least every six months, the suggestions of the red tape reduction commission shall be compiled into reports and sent to the office for review, and the office shall review the reports and submit a list of regulations to be sunset by the General Assembly through a revision bill as defined in Section 23.045, RSMo. The

Rules Committee of the House of Representatives shall consider each regulatory requirement for sunset and submit to the General Assembly a revision bill for immediate vote.

The red tape commission shall operate openly and transparently by listing all members of the commission on the website created by the office, conducting all meetings under Section 610.020, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, and posting all biannual reports on the website created by the office in a searchable format.

The bill contains a severability clause.