



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 939

PRINTERS NO. 1419

PRIME SPONSOR: Klunk

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 939, printer's number 1419, amends the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions and for existing regulations; and establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer and providing for its power and duties.

The effective date is immediately after enactment.

ANALYSIS: This legislation establishes the Independent Office of the Repealer within the Joint State Government Commission (JSGC). The director of the office shall serve a six-year term and shall report directly to the executive director of the JSGC. An individual appointed as director to fill a vacancy may only serve the unexpired portion of the six-year term. The director shall appoint a deputy director to perform assigned duties and assume the role of the director during absence or if a vacancy occurs.

The director shall have the authority to 1) determine and implement internal policies, standards, and protocols to carry out the mission of the office, and 2) to procure the temporary or intermittent service of attorneys, experts, consultants, or other organizations by contract. The director shall have the power to hire on the basis of the duties and performance of the office. All personnel must be hired based on the fitness to perform necessary duties, without regard to political affiliation, and must be approved by the executive director of the JSGC. The director shall not have the power to fix compensation or dictate the expenditure of funds.

The Independent Office of the Repealer shall adopt logical, quantitative, and qualitative rules to determine whether existing statutes or regulations are unreasonable, duplicative, defective, or in conflict with another law or regulation. When the office identifies a regulation or statute that it recommends for modification, revision, or repeal, it must communicate the recommendation to the applicable agency in the case of a regulation, or the General Assembly in the case of a statute. In addition, the office shall implement a tracking system for submissions and actions taken by the director and must provide a report each year to the Governor and General Assembly on recommended changes.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of this legislation is dependent upon the salaries that will be established for the director and deputy director of the new Independent Office of the Repealer. Additional costs would be incurred if it is determined that more staff or outside contractors are necessary for the new office. There may also be costs associated with the establishment and operation of the tracking system to be made available on the office's publicly accessible internet website, as required by the legislation. Any appropriation requests will be submitted by the JSGC.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.