

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes a schedule (see table below) for standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet. It also schedules these departments to sunset unless renewed by the General Assembly.

State Department Review Schedule Under S.B. 329	
Even-numbered General Assembly	Odd-numbered General Assembly
Office of Budget and Management	Department of Commerce
Department of Administrative Services	Department of Transportation
Department of Agriculture	Department of Natural Resources
Department of Health	Department of Job and Family Services
Department of Public Safety	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Department of Developmental Disabilities	Department of Insurance
Development Services Agency	Department of Youth Services
Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Aging	Department of Veterans Services
Department of Medicaid	Office of Health Transformation
Office of the Adjutant General	Public Utilities Commission
Department of Higher Education	Department of Taxation
	Bureau of Workers' Compensation

The 25 state departments in the Governor's cabinet will incur an administrative cost to prepare a report for the standing committee responsible for carrying out the review. These costs would depend on the scope and nature of the information provided to the standing committee. In particular, the bill requires departments that are under review to report on their (1) primary functions, goals, and objectives, (2) workload and staffing, and (3) past and anticipated budgets and sources of funding. Also, the standing committees selected to review departments and boards may incur some administrative costs to prepare and publish reports on their findings and recommendations. Specifically, the bill outlines several criteria that a standing committee is to use when reviewing a department. There are additional criteria that apply if a department under review also licenses a trade or profession. Finally, the Common Sense Initiative Office within the Governor's Office may incur an administrative burden for its role in gathering information requested by standing committees.