Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 318 creates the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2025. The measure requires each agency promulgating an administrative rule or order that will result in \$1 million or more in implementation and compliance costs over a 5-year period to state whether the proposed rule is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program. The proposed rule shall also be accompanied by an economic analysis of the rule's impact as well as the methodology used to determine the impact. The measure directs the proposing agency to consult with relevant entities to determine the economic impact.

The measure also creates the Legislative Economic Analysis Unit (LEAU). The LEAU shall assist the Administrative Rules Committee of each chamber in evaluating major rules proposed by state agencies. The measure directs LEAU to determine that the agency has complied with the requirements listed above within 21 days of receiving any proposed rule or regulation. The measure directs LEAU to provide the Legislature with an analysis of each major rule submitted to the Legislature for approval. No major rule shall take effect without the approval of the Legislature.

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