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Bill Analysis

SB 318 directs the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency to conduct rule impact analyses for major rules promulgated by state agencies. A major rule is defined as a rule that has an annual effect on the economy of \$1 million or more, has significantly negative effects on competition or the market, or has significant changes in social and cultural relations among citizens. Such analyses shall be conducted by a division within the Office, which shall be established within 90 days of the effective date. The Office may employ up to 5 full-time employees to conduct these analyses. Each analysis shall be made publicly available. The Office shall also submit an annual report detailing the evaluations it conducted that year to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor. The Office must conduct a study of the major rule no later than the 15th legislative session day following the date of submission by the agency. The measure also authorizes the Governor to call the Legislature into Special Session to consider a major rule submitted as an emergency rule. The Governor may also publish a notice of the emergency major rule stating the reasoning for its promulgation and why the Legislature cannot be called back to consider the rule.

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