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Research Analysis

HB 4319, as introduced clarifies agency rulemaking authority and responsibilities of the Legislature under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Key points to the measure include:

- Limiting agency rulemaking authority only to the extent specifically and explicitly granted by state law;
- Disqualifying general statements of rulemaking authority as constituting explicit state law authority for rulemaking;
- Invalidating any rule adopted by an agency that is not specifically and explicitly supported by rulemaking authority or lacking a citation to state law; and
- Requiring agencies to cite specific sections of state law providing explicit authority for rules.

When reviewing proposed and emergency rules, the Legislature must determine:

- Whether the agency cited specific and explicit authority from state law for the rule; and
- Whether the rule exceeds the scope of authority delegated by the Legislature.

Any rule the Legislature finds lacking specific and explicit authority from state law must be disapproved and declared invalid.

This measure requires each agency to prepare an inventory of all existing rules. This inventory must include citations to specific sections of state law providing explicit rulemaking authority for each agency rule. This inventory must be completed within Three (3) years of the effective date of this act. This measure also requires any rule not supported by a specific and explicit state law citation to be repealed on January 1, 2030 unless affirmatively authorized by joint resolution of the Legislature.

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Fiscal Analysis

House Bill 4319 clarifies and enforces limitations on agency rulemaking authority. Any review of existing rules required by the measure reflects compliance with existing legal obligations and is expected to be conducted within current agency operations. No new expenditures or revenue changes are authorized. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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