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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair

AB 805 (Obernolte) – As Introduced February 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Reports submitted to legislative committees

SUMMARY: Requires a state agency to post on its website any report that it submits to a committee of the Legislature.

EXISTING LAW requires a state agency that submits a report required or requested by law to the Legislature to also post the report on its website.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: Current law provides that a state agency that submits a legislatively or statutorily mandated report to the Legislature must also post the report on its website. A report is defined to mean any study or audit.

This bill extends this posting requirement to reports that are submitted to legislative committees. According to the author, this bill is meant to increase public access by requiring that all reports authored by state agencies and submitted to legislative committees be posted online.

PRIOR LEGISLATION:

- 1) AB 410 (Obernolte) of 2015 was substantially similar to this bill and defined “report” to also include a budget change proposal (BCP). AB 410 was vetoed by the Governor who stated that existing law already requires departments to post reports mandated by the Legislature or the law online and the Department of Finance was in the process of posting BCPs on its website.
- 2) AB 1365 (John A. Perez, Chapter 192, Statutes of 2013) requires state and local agencies to file mandated reports with the Legislative Counsel electronically instead of as a printed copy.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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