



Coalition for Regulatory Efficiency and Reform 2025 TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA

Government Code Revisions

Regulatory Efficiency Division and Business Owner Portal

- Create a new Regulatory Efficiency Division within the Governor’s Office to support state agencies in modernizing, improving, and reducing regulations on Texans. The division would be assisted by an advisory panel similar to that created by the Texas Chips Office (HB 5174, 2023).
- Create a state website to serve as a portal for new and existing business owners, where individuals can enter the type of business they own or expect to own and see all state regulations affecting that business in a single, accessible place.

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Judicial Deference

- In light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the “Chevron doctrine” (*Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, S.Ct., June, 2024), codify the standard for judicial review of state agency interpretations by providing that courts are not required to give judicial deference to agency interpretations of law or rules.

Administrative Procedures Act Revisions

Review Process

- Require all rules and regulations be written in plain language that is clear and easy to understand.
- Increase transparency in the rule review process by requiring more direct notice as well as a mandatory solicitation of input from regulated entities and the public on the regulations being proposed or reviewed and the cost and impact of such rules.
- Allow a rule to be invalidated if an agency fails to properly perform the statutorily required cost-benefit analysis and cost and impact analyses.



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Occupations Code Revisions *Licensing Reciprocity*

- Create a statutory goal of increasing occupational licensing reciprocity agreements with other states that have licensing standards similar to those in Texas. Establish a performance measure for each licensing agency to measure the achievement of this goal.

Sunset Act Revisions *Review Process*

- Add a limited review for regulatory agencies halfway through each 12-year Sunset review cycle to assess the necessity and effectiveness of rules and agencies' compliance with rulemaking requirements.
- Require third-party efficiency audits of all regulatory agencies, directed by the State Auditor's Office, two years before their Sunset reviews.
- Increase transparency in the Sunset review process by requiring more direct notice as well as the solicitation of input from regulated entities and the public on the agency and regulations being reviewed.
- Add performance measures to the Sunset review process, prioritizing key agency deliverables.

The Coalition for Regulatory Efficiency and Reform is working to create a best-in-the-nation model for Texas where all rules are reviewed on a regular basis through an objective, transparent, and efficient process. To learn more about the coalition and our work to pass meaningful state regulatory reform in the 2025 Texas Legislative Session, visit TXRegReform.com.