REVIEW OF AGENCY-PROPOSED LEGISLATION

AGENCY BILLS

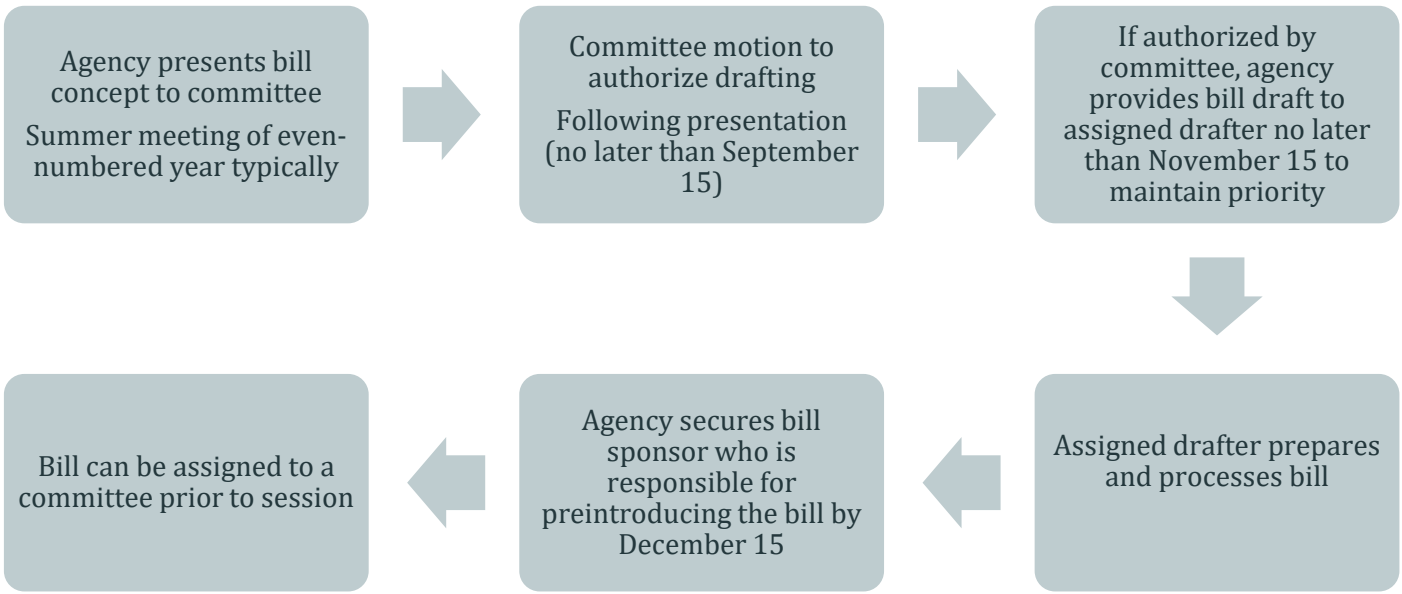
One of the duties common to interim committees under 5-5-215(1)(e) is to "review proposed legislation of assigned agencies or entities as provided in the joint legislative rules." These proposals become what are known as "agency bills". An "agency bill" is not the same as a "committee bill" (see page 2 for examples of each).

AUTHORIZATION TO DRAFT IS NOT ENDORSEMENT

An agency bill is "by request of" the agency and the committee's name does not appear on the bill draft. The agency is responsible for finding a bill sponsor and ensuring preintroduction.

The main reason for this process is to allow legislative staff to prepare these agency bills earlier in the fall prior to a legislative session, so that after the November election, bill drafters can focus on requests from newly elected legislators.

WHO DOES WHAT AND WHEN



COMMITTEE BILL

67th Legislature

HB 26.1

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

INTRODUCED BY M. FUNK

BY REQUEST OF THE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL LAWS TO SIMPLIFY THE DEFINITION OF "PUPIL" AND ENSURE THAT OLDER STUDENTS ADMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF TRUSTEES ARE CONSIDERED PUPILS; RELOCATING AND CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION ON PUPILS 19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BEING INCLUDED IN ANB CALCULATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-101 AND 20-9-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Sponsor, etc.

Sponsor, etc.	Last Name/Organization	First Name	Mi
Requester	Education Interim Committee		
Drafter	McCracken	Padraic	
By Request Of	Education Interim Committee		
Primary Sponsor	Funk	Moffie	

AGENCY BILL

67th Legislature

HB 89.1

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

INTRODUCED BY W. MCKAMEY

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A LOTTERY WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE GREATER THAN AVAILABLE FUNDING; REVISING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-1602, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Sponsor, etc.

Sponsor, etc.	Last Name/Organization	First Name	Mi
Requester	Education Interim Committee		
Drafter	Sankey Keip	Laura	
By Request Of	Office of Public Instruction		
Primary Sponsor	McKamey	Wendy	