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Public Act No. 26-123

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR CERTAIN WATER COMPANIES THAT REQUEST TO CEASE OPERATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2027, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, public health and energy. Such report shall include a listing of each instance, in the most recent two calendar years, in which a water company, as defined in section 16-262n of the general statutes, submitted an application for consent of the authority or department to cease its operations or discontinue the provision of water service to customers pursuant to the provisions of section 16-46 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such report shall include (1) a docket timeline for each such application that specifies the dates of any docket activity, (2) a list of any documents or other materials upon which the authority relied in rendering a decision on such application, including, but not limited to, responses to interrogatories, water quality reports and written testimony, and (3) any other details concerning the

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processing of such application that the authority deems appropriate to include in such report.

Sec. 2. Section 16-46 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (c) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a docket for the purpose of adopting regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, requiring that, in any notice of a proceeding conducted pursuant to this section that is issued by the authority, the authority shall provide written instructions that inform a water company of the process whereby such company may request an expedited review of a request made pursuant to this section.

Governor's Action:

Approved June 2, 2026