

**HB 12-1008 Concerning additional methods for providing input to Executive Branch Agencies about proposed rules, and, in connection therewith, directing Agencies to establish Representative Groups to evaluate and comment on proposed rules, requiring agencies to notify the General Assembly of any rule-making that results in increases in fees or fines, and requiring agencies to submit Departmental Regulatory Agendas to the General Assembly.**

Representative Cindy Acree

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- 15,000 pages of rules per year
- Over regulation /poor regulation costs businesses and citizens thousands of dollars, loss of employment and unnecessary barriers to daily living and economic development
- Citizen participation fundamental to democracy
- Accountability requires transparency
- State Administrative Procedures Act provides for legislative oversight
- Rules originating in the legislative branch or judicial branch do not apply
- Does not violate the principle of separation of powers
- The rule review bill is still the final step in the process
- Adopts language from Maine statute
- 2008 University of Pennsylvania Law School report of Transparency and Public Participation in the Rulemaking Process cites common problems with most rulemaking processes:
  - Neither transparent nor participatory early in the process
  - Agencies fail to reach out to all interested groups in fair manner

Enhancing these processes improve quality and legitimacy of regulation