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Overview

Specifies additional information that an agency must include in a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR).

- 1 **SONAR.** Prior law required an agency proposing a rule to prepare a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR). Under that law, the SONAR was required to describe the probable costs of complying with the proposed rule, and the classes of person who will bear the costs. This act provides that:
 - ▶ the cost information must specify the portion of the total costs that will be borne by identifiable categories of affected parties, such as separate classes of governmental units, businesses, or individuals.
 - ▶ the SONAR must include the probable costs or consequences of not adopting the proposed rule, including those costs or consequences borne by identifiable categories of affected parties.
- 2 **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective July 1, 2003 and applies to a rulemaking proceeding for which notice of intent to adopt rules is published in the State Register on or after that date.