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### Overview

Specifies additional information that an agency must include in a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR). Under current law, an agency must prepare a SONAR by the time the agency publishes notice of intent to adopt a rule.

#### Section

- 1** **SONAR.** Current law requires an agency that is proposing a rule to prepare a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR). Under current law, the SONAR must describe the probable costs of complying with the proposed rule, and the classes of person who will bear the costs. This bill 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. Under current law, information is required in a SONAR "to the extent the agency, through reasonable effort, can ascertain this information."
- 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.