

Sunset Review Process

Purpose:

1. Eliminate programs that do not serve a clear public purpose
2. Improve existing programs

Responsibility:

- The state agency involved is responsible to seek reauthorization if needed
- An interim committee may review the program and prepare legislation

Process:

- The Legislative Management Committee assigns the interim committees sunset reviews that are due for sunset the following year
- The interim committee chairs decide whether or not to put the sunset reviews on an agenda

Considerations:

- Is the program necessary to the health, safety or welfare?
- Is the program accomplishing its objective?
- Are there ways to improve it?

Options:

The committee can then recommend legislation that:

1. Allow the program to expire
2. Reauthorize the program (maximum of 10 years)
3. Repeal the program
4. Remove the program from the sunset act
5. Improves the program

Alternatively, the committee can allow the program to expire.

****Note**:** The agency overseeing the program is responsible for justifying the need for the program to the interim committee(s).