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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 6, 2025  
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 222 (As Amended by Senate Committee)

Senate Bill 222 prohibits deference to a state agency's interpretation of a statute, rule or regulation or document by a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action.

The bill would enact a new section of law that states in interpreting a state statute, rule and regulation or document that has the force and effect of law, a state court or an administrative hearing officer hearing an administrative action may consider but shall not defer to a state agency's interpretation of such statute, rule and regulation or document and shall interpret the meaning and effect of such statute, rule and regulation or document de novo. In an action brought by or against a state agency, after applying all customary tools of interpretation and rules of statutory construction pursuant to law, a state court or an administrative hearing officer hearing an administrative action shall exercise any remaining doubt in a way that is consistent with an individual's fundamental constitutional rights.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.