
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 100

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO TOWNS THAT NEED PFAS TESTING AND REMEDIATION.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a separate, non-lapsing account in the General Fund for municipal grants to test for and remediate PFAS contamination in drinking water supplies (the “PFAS Testing account”). For FY 24, the bill appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for deposit into the account.

Under the bill, the DEEP commissioner must use the account funds in consultation with the public health commissioner. The account must contain any moneys the law requires to be deposited into it, and it may receive funds from private or public sources, including the federal government.

PFAS (“perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances”) are all members of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals that have at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom (CGS § 22a-255h). These chemicals are used to make certain coatings and products that are resistant to heat, oil, stains, grease, and water.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)