
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 100 (File 140, as amended by Senate "A" and "B")*

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 grants or reimbursements for municipalities to test for and remediate PFAS contamination in drinking water supplies (the "PFAS Testing account"). A "municipality" is any political subdivision of the state with the power to make appropriations or to levy taxes, including any town, city, or borough, or any tax district or association, excluding the Metropolitan District of Hartford County (CGS § 7-381).

Under the bill, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (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.

*Senate Amendment "A" eliminates a provision in the original bill appropriating \$25 million to DEEP for the account for FY 24.

*Senate Amendment "B" defines a "municipality" and allows the account to provide for reimbursements in addition to grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 53 Nay 0 (05/08/2023)