

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-74—SB 100

Environment Committee

Appropriations Committee

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

SUMMARY: This act establishes a separate, nonlapsing 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”). Under the act, a “municipality” is any political subdivision of the state with the power to make appropriations or to levy taxes, including any town, city, borough, or tax district or association, excluding the Metropolitan District of Hartford County (CGS § 7-381).

Under the act, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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. (PA 23-205, §§ 13 & 32, authorizes up to \$5 million for FYs 24 and 25 in new bonding for grants to municipalities to, among other things, test for and remediate PFAS pollution.)

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.

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