



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 338

Senate, March 27, 2024

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXPANDING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS TO REMOVE PFAS FROM FIRE APPARATUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of section 41 of public act
2 23-204 is repealed and the following is substitute in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *from passage*):

4 (10) The sum of \$3,000,000 to the Department of Emergency Services
5 and Public Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 2024, to provide grants to municipalities, independent fire
7 companies and state agencies to remove PFAS from fire apparatus or
8 provide reimbursement for removal of PFAS from fire apparatus that
9 occurred prior to July 1, 2023;

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Any funds remaining under subdivision
11 (10) of subsection (b) of section 41 of public act 23-204, as amended by
12 this act, at the conclusion of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall
13 not lapse on June 30, 2024, and such funds shall be available to the

14 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for Other
15 Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to provide grants to
16 municipalities, independent fire companies and state agencies to
17 remove PFAS from fire apparatus or provide reimbursement for
18 removal of PFAS from fire apparatus that occurred prior to July 1, 2023.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 23-204, Sec. 41(b)(10)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various State Agencies	Various - Potential Transfer	See Below	None

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows independent fire companies and state agencies to receive grants for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) removal and expands the grants' purpose to include reimbursement for PFAS removal from fire apparatus that occurred before July 1, 2023, resulting in a potential transfer of costs from various state agencies to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP).

DESPP originally received carry forward funding of \$3 million in FY 24 for the purpose of providing grants for PFAS removal. Under this bill, any remaining funds at the end of FY 24 are carried forward to FY 25. These funds may be expended more rapidly to the extent that there's an increase in eligible organizations receiving grants. As of 3/26/24, less than \$350,000 has been expended.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 338

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SUMMARY

The 2023 budget implementer act transferred \$3 million to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to give grants to municipalities to remove perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from fire apparatus.

This bill expands (1) who may get these grants to include independent fire companies and state agencies and (2) the grants' purpose to include reimbursing for PFAS removal from fire apparatus that occurred before July 1, 2023.

The bill also specifies that any remaining funds at the end of FY 24 are carried forward to FY 25 for DESPP to continue to give grants for the same recipients and purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/12/2024)