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SYNOPSIS

Requires DEP to study feasibility of using alternative water supply source when perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances exceed maximum contaminant level.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on February 16, 2023, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/23/2023)

1 AN ACT requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to
2 conduct a study concerning the use of alternative water supply
3 sources when perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances
4 exceed maximum contaminant levels.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. a. Within one year after the date of enactment of this section,
10 the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct, or cause
11 to be conducted, a study concerning the use of alternative drinking
12 water supply sources when perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl
13 substances exceed maximum contaminant levels. As part of the
14 study, the department shall consider the drinking water supply
15 sources available to public community water systems in the State
16 and identify alternative drinking water supplies that may be
17 available for use by public community water systems to provide
18 water to the customers of the system when an exceedance of a
19 maximum contaminant level for a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl
20 substance is discovered.

21 b. In conducting the study required pursuant to this section, the
22 department shall solicit input from representatives of public
23 community water systems, academic institutions, and environmental
24 organizations with expertise, knowledge, or experience in issues
25 related to the State's water supplies, and may hold public hearings,
26 at a time and place determined by the department, to receive input
27 on the issue.

28 c. ¹**[The]** No later than one year after the date of enactment of
29 this section, the¹ department shall prepare and submit to the
30 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
31 19.1), to the Legislature a written report containing the findings and
32 recommendations of the study conducted, or caused to be
33 conducted, pursuant to this section, including any proposals for
34 legislation or other appropriate legislative or regulatory action. The
35 department shall also make the study available on the department's
36 Internet website.

37 ¹d. In the event that the report required pursuant to subsection c.
38 of this section is not prepared and submitted to the Governor and
39 the Legislature within one year after the date of enactment of this
40 section, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
41 commissioner's designee, shall appear before the committee of first
42 reference in which this act was considered in each House, or before
43 another standing reference committee in the General Assembly as
44 may be determined by the Speaker of the General Assembly and in
45 the Senate as may be determined by the President of the Senate, to

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted February 16, 2023.

1 explain why the report has not yet been prepared and the steps the
2 department is taking to ensure the implementation of this act.
3 Thereafter, for such time as the report required pursuant to
4 subsection c. of this section remains unprepared, the Speaker of the
5 General Assembly shall have the authority to require the
6 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to appear before any
7 appropriate General Assembly standing reference committee to
8 explain why this act has not been implemented in accordance with
9 its provisions and the steps that are being taken to ensure the
10 implementation of this act, and the President of the Senate shall
11 have the authority to require the Commissioner of Environmental
12 Protection to appear before any appropriate Senate standing
13 reference committee to explain why this act has not been
14 implemented in accordance with its provisions and the steps that are
15 being taken to ensure the implementation of this act.¹

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire 30
18 days after the submittal of the report required pursuant to subsection
19 c. of section 1 of this act.