

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 144

PRINTER NO. 119

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 19, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Yaw

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 144 amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to prohibit the use of PFAS chemicals for training or testing.

This legislation prohibits the use of class B firefighting foam that contains PFAS chemicals for testing and training purposes starting January 1, 2024. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the State Fire Commissioner will assist entities with transitioning away from the use of PFAS.

The legislation also institutes penalties for individuals and fire departments that administer training programs in violation of the act. The penalty for the first offense is \$5,000, and each subsequent violation carries a \$10,000 penalty with revenues generated to be deposited into the Online Training Educator and Training Reimbursement Account.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 144 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. PEMA and the State Fire Commissioner are able to accomplish their responsibilities under this act within current budget and staffing levels. Due to this being a new violation, revenue generated from penalties will be dependent on the number of violations issued.