



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1065

Senate, April 21, 2021

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOMEOWNERS WITH WELL WATER CONTAMINATED WITH URANIUM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
3 jointly conduct a study of municipalities in the state where the
4 commissioner reasonably believes that the groundwater is
5 contaminated with uranium. Such study shall include, but not be
6 limited to, an examination of (1) the levels of uranium in such
7 groundwater, (2) the number of private residential wells affected by the
8 presence of uranium, and (3) the available resources of the Department
9 of Public Health, local health departments and municipalities to provide
10 assistance to homeowners and other individuals who use such wells.

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner and the secretary
12 shall submit to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
13 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and planning and

14 development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
15 general statutes, (1) a report on the findings of such study, and (2)
16 recommendations for legislation to address potential concerns
17 identified in such study regarding groundwater contaminated with
18 uranium, including, but not limited to, any program that may be
19 established to provide grants, low-interest loans and other forms of
20 financial assistance to municipalities and homeowners affected by such
21 contamination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	150,000 - 200,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Office of Policy and Management to jointly conduct a study of municipalities with groundwater contaminated with uranium.

DPH does not have the staff expertise to study uranium contaminated groundwater and will have to contract for such specialized services at an estimated one-time cost of \$150,000 - \$200,000 in FY 22.

The Out Years

The cost identified above is one-time in nature.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/31/2021)