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An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Ingwersen of York

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Creates - PFAS Response Program

Modifies - Fund to Address PFAS Contamination

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates the PFAS Response Program to be administered by the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF). Funding for program activities was previously allocated to the DACF in PL 2021, c.398, and PL 2021, c.635. The bill also modifies the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination (FAPC), also within DACF, to allow the department to manage and sell contaminated properties, deposit the proceeds of any land sales into the FAPC, and use the FAPC for expenditures related to personnel costs and contracted services.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services or the DACF as a result of other provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.