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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2955

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2955 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the PFAS  
5 Wastewater Citizen Protection Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; policy.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

8 (1) Current scientific research suggests that exposure  
9 to certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances  
10 (PFAS) may cause adverse human health impacts.

11 (2) Once released, PFAS does not naturally degrade and  
12 may be difficult and costly to remove from the  
13 environment.

14 (3) PFAS enters wastewater treatment plants through  
15 wastewater discharges associated with consumer products,  
16 industrial products, and solid waste streams, such as

1 landfill leachate.

2 (4) Wastewater agencies do not manufacture,  
3 intentionally use, or sell PFAS.

4 (5) Wastewater treatment plants, which are generally  
5 owned by wastewater agencies and funded by taxpayers and  
6 customers within a specific service area, are not designed  
7 for or easily adapted to treat wastewater for PFAS.

8 (6) Wastewater agencies are incurring monitoring,  
9 staff, and other costs. If wastewater agencies are  
10 required to treat wastewater for PFAS in the future, that  
11 treatment will come at a significant operational and  
12 capital cost that taxpayers and customers must recoup.

13 (b) It is the policy of the State of Illinois that, as it  
14 relates to PFAS, PFAS elimination, and PFAS mitigation in  
15 wastewater:

16 (1) The State should follow sound science, use  
17 existing source control regulatory frameworks, avoid  
18 unintended negative consequences to the citizens of the  
19 State, and facilitate funding to eliminate or mitigate  
20 PFAS in wastewater.

21 (2) The economic impact upon wastewater agencies and  
22 Illinois citizens for the costs to implement any federal  
23 or State policy, rule, or regulation relating to PFAS  
24 monitoring, elimination, and mitigation, including  
25 requirements in permits issued to any wastewater agency,  
26 should be minimized to the extent practicable.

1           (3) All stakeholders, including wastewater agencies  
2           and their customers, industry, and regulators benefit from  
3           increased understanding and advancements in PFAS  
4           remediation and destruction technology.

5           (4) Compliance with this Act should not relieve any  
6           person of responsibility for compliance with the  
7           Environmental Protection Act or any other applicable  
8           federal, State, or local law.

9           Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

10          "Agency" means the Environmental Protection Agency.

11          "Committee" means the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection  
12          Committee created under this Act.

13          "Director" means the Director of the Environmental  
14          Protection Agency.

15          "PFAS" means perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl  
16          substances. "PFAS" includes PFAS as defined by the United  
17          States Environmental Protection Agency in 40 CFR 705.3 or any  
18          successor regulations.

19          "State" means the State of Illinois.

20          "Wastewater agencies" means municipal wastewater agencies;  
21          units of local government organized under the Sanitary  
22          District Act of 1907, North Shore Water Reclamation District  
23          Act, Sanitary District Act of 1917, Metropolitan Water  
24          Reclamation District Act, Sanitary District Act of 1936,  
25          Metro-East Sanitary District Act of 1974, or Eastern Will

1 Sanitary District Act; and public utilities that provide water  
2 and wastewater service in Illinois.

3 Section 15. PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee.

4 (a) The PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee is  
5 created within the Agency for the purposes of:

6 (1) monitoring developments and reviewing data related  
7 to PFAS, PFAS regulation, and PFAS elimination and  
8 mitigation technology for wastewater treatment systems;

9 (2) determining how to best implement the findings and  
10 policy in Section 5 of this Act, including in relation to  
11 federal statutes and regulations;

12 (3) determining the range of options to mitigate the  
13 presence of PFAS, including, if necessary, costs to  
14 install treatment technology to reduce PFAS in wastewater  
15 treatment systems and costs for PFAS sampling, analysis,  
16 research, monitoring, and record keeping;

17 (4) determining how to offset the costs to wastewater  
18 agencies needed to install PFAS elimination and mitigation  
19 technology in wastewater treatment systems by identifying  
20 all potential sources of funding, including indirect  
21 discharge fees, State and federal funding, and  
22 manufacturers and commercial and industrial users of PFAS;

23 (5) making recommendations regarding policies,  
24 including legislation and rulemaking, necessary to  
25 implement the findings and policy in Section 5 of this

1 Act; and

2 (6) making recommendations regarding the funding of  
3 elimination and mitigation technology for wastewater  
4 treatment systems and recovering taxpayer and customer  
5 costs for PFAS.

6 (b) No later than one year after the effective date of this  
7 Act, the Committee shall issue a report containing a PFAS  
8 Action Plan based on the purposes stated in subsection (a) of  
9 this Section. The report shall be submitted to the Governor's  
10 Office, the General Assembly, and the Agency.

11 (c) The Committee shall monitor the status of and, if  
12 necessary, advocate for the execution of the PFAS Action Plan  
13 submitted with its report under subsection (b) of this  
14 Section.

15 (d) The Committee shall continue to periodically meet  
16 after submittal of the PFAS Action Plan under subsection (b)  
17 of this Section. The Committee shall annually update the PFAS  
18 Action Plan, and shall submit a report annually to the  
19 Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and the Agency with  
20 any updates to the PFAS Action Plan and a summary of:

21 (1) the latest developments in related science and  
22 technology, as well as the latest developments in  
23 approaches to PFAS elimination and mitigation in  
24 wastewater;

25 (2) any updated policy recommendations the Committee  
26 feels necessary to implement the findings and policy in

1 Section 5 of this Act;

2 (3) any cost updates for addressing any policy  
3 recommendations the Committee feels necessary to implement  
4 the findings and policy in Section 5 of this Act; and

5 (4) any updated developments or recommendations  
6 regarding the identification of potential sources of  
7 funding to offset the costs to wastewater agencies.

8 Section 20. Committee membership. The Committee shall be  
9 composed of the following members:

10 (1) the Governor or the Governor's designee, who shall  
11 serve as chairperson;

12 (2) the Director or the Director's designee;

13 (3) one member appointed by the President of the  
14 Senate;

15 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
16 Senate;

17 (5) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House  
18 of Representatives;

19 (6) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
20 House of Representatives; and

21 (7) the following members appointed by the Director:

22 (A) 2 members who are representatives of a  
23 wastewater agency with a service population of 25,000  
24 or less;

25 (B) 2 members who are representatives of a

1 wastewater agency with a service population of more  
2 than 25,000 but less than or equal to 125,000;

3 (C) 2 members who are representatives of a  
4 wastewater agency with a service population of more  
5 than 125,000 people;

6 (D) one member who is a representative of a  
7 statewide organization representing wastewater  
8 agencies;

9 (E) one member who is a representative of a  
10 statewide organization representing publicly owned  
11 drinking water agencies;

12 (F) one member who is a researcher from a  
13 university in the Great Lakes region who specializes  
14 in PFAS; and

15 (G) one member who is a representative of a public  
16 utility that provides water and wastewater services in  
17 Illinois.

18 Appointments to the Committee shall be made within 30 days  
19 after the effective date of this Act. The Committee shall meet  
20 at the call of the chairperson. Committee members shall serve  
21 without compensation. If a vacancy occurs in the Committee  
22 membership, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as  
23 the original appointment for the remainder of the Committee.

24 Section 25. Committee technical assistance. The Prairie  
25 Research Institute's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center

1 shall provide technical assistance to the Committee.

2 Section 85. Applicable federal, State, and local laws.  
3 Compliance with this Act does not relieve any person of  
4 responsibility for compliance with the Environmental  
5 Protection Act or any other applicable federal, State, or  
6 local law.

7 Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on December 31,  
8 2044.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.".