

# HOUSE BILL No. 1189

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-8-10.7.

**Synopsis:** Use of firefighting foam containing PFAS. Prohibits the use of Class B firefighting foam containing an intentionally added PFAS chemical: (1) for training purposes; and (2) for testing purposes, unless the testing facility has implemented appropriate measures to prevent releases of the firefighting foam to the environment.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 13, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2020]:  
4 **Chapter 10.7. Use of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS**  
5 **Chemicals**  
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Class B firefighting foam"**  
7 **means a foam intended for use in extinguishing flammable liquid**  
8 **fires.**  
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, a**  
10 **corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or another**  
11 **legal entity.**  
12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "PFAS chemical" means any**  
13 **chemical of a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, including:**  
14 **(1) perfluoroalkyl substances; and**  
15 **(2) polyfluoroalkyl substances;**  
16 **that contains at least one (1) fully fluorinated carbon atom and is**  
17 **used in firefighting agents.**



1           **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "state agency" means any**  
2 **agency, board, commission, department, bureau, or other entity of**  
3 **the administrative branch of Indiana state government.**

4           **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "testing" includes:**

- 5           (1) calibration testing;  
6           (2) conformance testing; and  
7           (3) fixed system testing.

8           **Sec. 6. After June 30, 2020, a person, unit, or state agency:**

- 9           (1) shall not use for training purposes a Class B firefighting  
10 foam that contains an intentionally added PFAS chemical;  
11 and  
12 (2) for the purposes of training firefighters in the use of  
13 firefighting foam, may use only training foam that does not  
14 contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

15           **Sec. 7. (a) After June 30, 2020, a person, unit, or state agency**  
16 **shall not use for testing purposes a Class B firefighting foam that**  
17 **contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals unless the testing**  
18 **facility has implemented appropriate containment, treatment, and**  
19 **disposal measures to prevent releases of the Class B firefighting**  
20 **foam to the environment.**

21           (b) Subsection (a) applies regardless of whether the testing is  
22 required by law or by a unit or state agency having authority  
23 concerning testing by firefighters.

24           **Sec. 8. This chapter does not prohibit or restrict:**

- 25           (1) the manufacture, sale, or distribution of Class B  
26 firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS  
27 chemicals; or  
28 (2) the use of Class B firefighting foam that contains  
29 intentionally added PFAS chemicals in:  
30           (A) an emergency firefighting operation; or  
31           (B) an emergency fire prevention operation.

