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HOUSE BILL ***1766-FN***

AN ACT **requiring the department of environmental services to report to the general court regarding bedrock testing and perfluorochemical contamination in the Seacoast area and at other landfills and hazardous waste sites.**

SPONSORS: **Rep. Messmer, Rock. 24; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Bean, Rock. 21; Rep. Edgar, Rock. 21; Rep. T. Le, Rock. 31; Rep. P. Gordon, Rock. 29; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21**

COMMITTEE: **Environment and Agriculture**

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of environmental services to report to the general court regarding perfluorinated chemical contamination at the Seacoast and at landfills and other hazardous waste sites.

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Explanation: **Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

306:1 Findings. The general court acknowledges the public concern regarding the issue of water quality in the Seacoast area and at areas of environmental interest all over the state. The general court further finds that in view of bedrock testing due to begin in the Seacoast area during the summer of 2018, and in view of the impending first ever study of per and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) exposure, the general court shall be informed, on a regular basis, of contaminant monitoring and contaminant migration, and advised regarding new research on contaminant exposure and any developments in remediation technology.

306:2 Department of Environmental Services; Reports Required.

I. The department of environmental services shall submit an initial report to the general court by December 1, 2018, and shall submit interim reports every 6 months thereafter, on the results of monitoring, testing, and any other analysis or data relative to perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) levels at statewide sites that it has identified as sources of those contaminants. The reports shall include preliminary results from bedrock testing conducted at the Coakley Landfill site beginning in the summer of 2018. The department shall submit interim reports on the bedrock testing by July 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019, and a final report within 6 months of when such testing is completed. Other Seacoast area sites shall include, but not be limited to, the Pease International Tradeport and its vicinity, the Hampton Landfill, the Coakley Landfill, the Rye Breakfast Hill Landfill, the Rye Grove Landfill, the Garland Well and nearby well sites, the former Cibor Airport, the Hampton Airport, and other municipal and commercial operations within the Seacoast area deemed relevant by the department. The department shall also include in such reports the PFOS and PFOA levels at any landfill, hazardous waste, and other sites statewide where it currently requires testing.

II. Copies of the reports required in paragraph I shall be submitted to:

(a) The president of the senate.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The chairman of the senate energy and natural resources committee, or the successor committee with jurisdiction over energy and natural resource issues.

(d) The chairman of the environment and agriculture committee, or the successor committee with jurisdiction over energy and natural resource issues.

(e) The joint legislative fiscal committee of the general court.

306:3 Senate and House of Representatives Committees; Duties. The senate energy and natural resources committee and the house environment and agriculture committee, or their successor committees as specified in section 2, paragraph II of this act, shall collect and evaluate the reports required in section 2 of this act along with any other reports, data, and information the committees deem relevant. The committees shall solicit information from commissions and informed citizens in southeastern New Hampshire and shall solicit information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding the reports required in section 2.

306:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved: June 25, 2018
Effective Date: July 01, 2018