



House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

Call of the Chair

G-50 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

SB 980 ; PN 1975 (Yaw) - Limits distribution and use of firefighting foam and protective equipment containing PFAS.

- With recommendation to re-refer to the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Adjournment



Environmental & Natural Resource Protection *Committee*

State Representative Greg Vitali
Democratic Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/6/2026

TO: House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee Members

FROM: Representative Greg Vitali, Majority Chairman
House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee

RE: Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee Voting Meeting –
Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

The House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee will hold a voting meeting on **Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at the Call of the Chair in G-50 Irvis Office Building.**

The purpose of this voting meeting will be to consider the following legislation and any other business that may come before the committee.

- **[SB 980 ; PN 1975 \(Yaw\)](#)** - Limits distribution and use of firefighting foam and protective equipment containing PFAS.
 - With recommendation to re-refer to the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Please contact Hayley Shupe at 717-787-7647 or hshupe@pahouse.net with any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please submit an Official Vote by Designation Form prior to the start of the meeting.

Thank you,

GV/hs

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 980 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY YAW, MILLER, MALONE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK,
PENNYCUICK, STEFANO, J. WARD, CULVER, VOGEL, ROBINSON, FARRY,
STREET AND SANTARSIERO, AUGUST 25, 2025

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for assistance to fire companies and EMS companies
4 and for State Fire Commissioner and providing for protection
5 against PFAS chemicals and for firefighting protective
6 equipment; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical
7 services companies, further providing for award of grants;
8 and imposing penalties.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 7364(a)(3) of Title 35 of the
12 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

13 § 7364. Assistance to fire companies and EMS companies.

14 (a) General rule.--The office is authorized, upon
15 application of any fire company or EMS company, to make loans
16 for the following purposes:

17 * * *

18 (3) Purchasing protective, accessory or communication
19 equipment. No fire company or EMS company shall receive a
20 loan for protective, accessory or communicative equipment

1 more than once in any five-year period. Each fire company or
2 EMS company may apply for a loan for a mobile and portable
3 radio unit for each existing serviceable apparatus equipment,
4 ambulance or rescue vehicle. Radio equipment obtained through
5 loans under this subchapter shall be equipped with a
6 frequency or frequencies licensed by the Federal
7 Communications Commission for firefighting or emergency
8 response purposes. Protective equipment obtained through
9 loans under this subchapter must meet standards adopted by
10 the commissioner to ensure that the protective equipment does
11 not contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

12 THE COMMISSIONER MAY GRANT A WAIVER AUTHORIZING AN ELIGIBLE <--
13 APPLICANT TO USE A LOAN UNDER THIS SUBCHAPTER FOR THE
14 PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CONTAINING
15 INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS, IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT
16 NO VIABLE OR REASONABLE PFAS-FREE ALTERNATIVE IS CURRENTLY
17 AVAILABLE. A notarized financial statement shall be filed and
18 loans under this subchapter for the purchase of protective,
19 accessory or communicative equipment shall not exceed
20 [\$25,000] \$100,000.

21 * * *

22 Section 2. Section 7383 of Title 35 is amended by adding a
23 subsection to read:

24 § 7383. State Fire Commissioner.

25 * * *

26 (e) Funding from Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.--

27 (1) Money in the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund
28 established under section 901(a) of the act of October 18,
29 1988 (P.L.756, No.108), known as the Hazardous Sites Cleanup
30 Act, may be expended, upon approval of the Governor, by the

1 commissioner and the Office of State Fire Commissioner on the
2 following purposes:

3 (i) Loans awarded under section 7364(3) (relating to
4 assistance to fire companies and EMS companies).

5 (ii) Performance of the duties prescribed under
6 section 7390(b) (relating to protection against PFAS
7 chemicals).

8 (iii) Enforcement of section 7391 (relating to
9 firefighter protective equipment).

10 (iv) Grants awarded under section 7813 (relating to
11 award of grants).

12 (2) The commissioner shall annually submit to the
13 Governor estimates of amounts to be expended from the
14 Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund for the purposes specified in
15 paragraph (1).

16 Section 3. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read:
17 § 7390. Protection against PFAS chemicals.

18 (a) Firefighting foam management.--

19 (1) Except as provided under this subsection, beginning
20 July 1, 2027, a manufacturer may not manufacture or knowingly
21 sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale or distribute for
22 use in this Commonwealth, class B firefighting foam
23 containing an intentionally added PFAS chemical.

24 (2) Except as provided under this subsection, beginning
25 January 1, 2028, a person, including a firefighting entity,
26 may not use class B firefighting foam containing an
27 intentionally added PFAS chemical in this Commonwealth.

28 (3) This subsection shall not apply to the manufacture,
29 sale, distribution or use of class B firefighting foam for
30 which the inclusion of a PFAS chemical is required by Federal

1 law, including 14 CFR 139.317 (relating to aircraft rescue
2 and firefighting: equipment and agents). If a Federal
3 requirement to include a PFAS chemical in class B
4 firefighting foam is revoked after January 1, 2027, this
5 subsection shall not apply for one year after the requirement
6 is revoked. The commissioner shall transmit notice of the
7 date of revocation to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
8 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
9 Bulletin.

10 (4) This subsection shall not apply to any part of an
11 exempt facility.

12 (b) Duties of commissioner.--The commissioner shall have the
13 following duties:

14 (1) Assist a firefighting entity with evaluating and
15 determining how to transition to the use of class B
16 firefighting foam that does not contain an intentionally
17 added PFAS chemical.

18 (2) In consultation with the Department of Environmental
19 Protection, develop a plan for the responsible disposal,
20 transportation, storage and destruction of any unexpended
21 stock of class B firefighting foam containing an
22 intentionally added PFAS chemical upon request by a
23 firefighting entity.

24 (3) In consultation with the Department of General
25 Services, maintain a list of vendors authorized to remove and
26 incur liability in the transport and removal of the class B
27 firefighting foam containing an intentionally added PFAS
28 chemical.

29 (c) Enforcement.--The Department of Environmental Protection
30 shall receive and investigate complaints of any violation of

1 this section. The Department of Environmental Protection may
2 refer a suspected violation of this section to the Office of
3 Attorney General. The Office of Attorney General may bring an
4 action to impose a civil penalty for each violation under this
5 section.

6 (d) Penalties.--

7 (1) A person who violates this section shall be subject
8 to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first offense.

9 (2) A person who violates this section for a second or
10 subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty not to
11 exceed \$10,000.

12 (3) Money collected under this subsection shall be
13 deposited into the Fire Company Grant Program established
14 under section 7811 (relating to establishment).

15 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Class B firefighting foam." A foam designed for
19 extinguishing flammable-liquid fires.

20 "Exempt facility." An airport, chemical plant, oil refinery
21 or flammable liquid or natural gas terminal, storage facility or <--
22 distribution facility., COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID OR NATURAL GAS <--
23 TERMINAL, STORAGE FACILITY OR DISTRIBUTION FACILITY OR ELECTRIC
24 GENERATING FACILITY USING NATURAL GAS AS THE FACILITY'S PRIMARY
25 FUEL.

26 "Firefighting entity." An entity that engages in fire
27 prevention or control activities in this Commonwealth. The term
28 includes a municipal fire department or volunteer fire company.

29 "Manufacturer." A person that manufactures, imports or
30 distributes firefighting foam.

1 § 7391. Firefighting protective equipment.

2 (a) Warning labels.--A manufacturer of personal protective
3 equipment used in fire prevention, firefighting or fire control
4 activities shall affix a warning label to such product sold for
5 use in this Commonwealth that indicates if the product contains
6 an intentionally added PFAS chemical. The following shall apply:

7 (1) A manufacturer may provide further guidance about
8 the content of an intentionally added PFAS chemical through
9 the use of a quick-response code printed on the required
10 warning label that directs the consumer to a dedicated
11 publicly accessible Internet website maintained by the
12 manufacturer that is specific to the affected personal
13 protective equipment.

14 (2) If, after the sale of personal protective equipment,
15 a manufacturer learns and has true and accurate information
16 that the personal protective equipment contains an
17 intentionally added PFAS chemical, the manufacturer shall
18 have the following duties:

19 (i) Notify the last known purchaser of the presence
20 of the intentionally added PFAS chemical.

21 (ii) Post the relevant information on a dedicated
22 publicly accessible Internet website maintained by the
23 manufacturer that is specific to the affected personal
24 protective equipment.

25 (b) Enforcement.--The Office of the State Fire Commissioner
26 shall enforce the provisions of this section.

27 (c) Violations.--

28 (1) A manufacturer shall be subject to a civil penalty
29 not to exceed \$5,000 for a first violation and \$10,000 for
30 each subsequent violation.

1 (2) Money collected under paragraph (1) shall be
2 transferred to the Office of the State Fire Commissioner for
3 the Fire Company Grant Program and the Emergency Medical
4 Services Grant Program.

5 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Firefighting entity." An entity that engages in fire
9 prevention, firefighting or fire control activities in this
10 Commonwealth. The term shall include municipal fire departments
11 and volunteer fire companies.

12 "Manufacturer." A person that manufactures, imports or
13 distributes domestically personal protective equipment for a
14 firefighting entity.

15 "Personal protective equipment." Items designed, intended or
16 marketed to be worn by firefighting entity personnel in the
17 performance of fire and rescue activities, including jackets,
18 pants, shoes, gloves, helmets and respiratory equipment.

19 Section 4. Section 7813(a) of Title 35 is amended by adding
20 paragraphs to read:

21 § 7813. Award of grants.

22 (a) Authorization.--The commissioner is authorized to make a
23 grant award to each eligible fire company for the following:

24 * * *

25 (8) Disposal, transportation, storage and destruction of
26 any unexpended stock of class B firefighting foam containing
27 an intentionally added PFAS chemical in compliance with
28 section 7390(b)(2) (relating to protection against PFAS
29 chemicals).

30 (9) Purchase or acquisition of class B firefighting foam

1 that does not contain an intentionally added PFAS chemical.

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3 Section 5. This act shall take effect as follows:

4 (1) The addition of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7391 shall take effect
5 in 180 days.

6 (2) This section shall take effect immediately.

7 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
8 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB9980 PN1975	Prepared By:	Andrew McMenamin (717) 783-4043
Committee:	Environmental & Natural Resource Protection	Executive Director:	Evan Franzese
Sponsor:	Yaw, Gene		
Date:	10/6/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Limits the manufacturing, sale, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing PFAS.

C. Analysis of the Bill

SB 980 amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the PA Consolidated Statutes by limiting the manufacturing, sale, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing PFAS.

Protective equipment obtained through a state fire commissioner loan meet standards adopted by the commissioner to ensure that the protective equipment does not contain PFAS. The commissioner may grant a waiver if it is determined that there are no PFAS-free alternatives available. State fire commissioner loans shall not exceed \$100,000.

Upon approval of the Governor, the State Fire Commissioner may use Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund dollars for the following:

loans for purchasing protective, accessory or communication equipment.

Effective Date:

Section 7391 shall take effect in 180 days.

The remainder of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

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