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Senate Bill 403 (as introduced 8-20-19)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Outman
Committee: Environmental Quality

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 601 (Geological Survey) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Legislature to appropriate \$3.0 million to the Michigan Geological Survey to carry out certain responsibilities

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows the Michigan Geological Survey to receive money or other assets to implement Part 601 from any of the following:

- Funds appropriated by the Legislature.
- Federal, State, municipal, or private grants.
- Any other sources approved by the governing institution.

The bill would require the Legislature to appropriate \$3.0 million annually to the Michigan Geological Survey to carry out responsibilities under Section 60104 and, in particular, to conduct geological surveys of the following:

- Perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination of soils or groundwater.
- Groundwater in areas for which the Department of Environmental Quality had a priority need for geological groundwater data.

(Section 60104 requires the Michigan Geological Survey to continue to make a thorough geological survey of the State, which may include a determination of the succession and arrangement, thickness, and position of all strata and rocks; their mineral character and contents and their economical uses; an investigation of soils and subsoils and the determination of their character and agricultural adaptation; and the investigation of all deposits of brines, coal, marl, clay, gypsum, lime, petroleum, natural gas, metals and metallic ores, building stone, marble, gritstone, materials for mortar and cement, mineral paint, and all other geological productions or features in the State capable of being converted to the uses of humans.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a negative fiscal impact on the State and no fiscal impact to local government. Under the bill, \$3.0 million would be appropriated annually to the Michigan Geological Survey if the Legislature chose to do so for that purpose. The bill does not specify

what the fund source for the \$3.0 million would be, but past statutory appropriations with an unspecified fund source have been assumed to come from the State General Fund.

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