

HOUSE BILL NO. 4500

May 15, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Posthumus, Rogers, Conlin, Fox, Price, MacDonell, Longjohn, Glanville, Thompson, Snyder, Fitzgerald and VanderWall and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 5753, 5755, 5757,
5759, and 5761 to part 57A.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 5753. (1) The department shall establish and administer a
2 grant program to provide 1 or more grants to a research institution
3 to conduct a pilot program to assess the level of PFAS in the blood
4 of and study the effects of PFAS on qualified study participants in

1 this state.

2 (2) An application for a grant to conduct the pilot program
3 under this part must be made on a form or in a format prescribed by
4 the department. The department may require an applicant to provide
5 information reasonably necessary to allow the department to make a
6 determination required under this part. The director shall have
7 final approval of a grant made under this part and the director
8 shall only approve a grant if money is available in the fund.

9 (3) Not later than 90 days after the effective date of the
10 amendatory act that added this section, the department shall select
11 1 research institution to conduct the pilot program from the
12 applications received under subsection (2). To be awarded a grant
13 to conduct the pilot program, a research institution shall comply
14 with all of the following:

15 (a) Provide the department with a detailed summary of the
16 proposed pilot program, including the goals and objectives of the
17 proposed pilot program and a full explanation of the proposed pilot
18 program and how the program will be conducted.

19 (b) Demonstrate all of the following to the department:

20 (i) That the research institution conducts research and studies
21 related to public health.

22 (ii) That the research institution is considered an R1 doctoral
23 university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher
24 Education, indicating very high research activity at the research
25 institution.

26 (iii) That the proposed pilot program is approved by the
27 applicable institutional review board of the research institution.

28 (c) Agree to comply with all of the following as a condition
29 of receiving a grant under this part for the pilot program:

1 (i) That the research institution will obtain the informed
2 consent of a qualified study participant or, if the qualified study
3 participant is a minor, the informed consent of the parent,
4 guardian, or person in loco parentis of the qualified study
5 participant, to participate in the pilot program. The consent
6 required under this subparagraph must inform the qualified study
7 participant, or if the qualified study participant is a minor, the
8 parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the qualified study
9 participant, that the department and the research institution may
10 only retain and use the data collected from a blood sample analyzed
11 under this part for research under the pilot program with the
12 consent of the qualified study participant or, if the qualified
13 study participant is a minor, the consent of the parent, guardian,
14 or person in loco parentis of the qualified study participant.

15 (ii) That the research institution will require the qualified
16 study participant to use a hospital reference laboratory to collect
17 blood for a full blood panel test to ensure that a sufficient
18 sample of blood is obtained by a qualified study participant for
19 PFAS testing.

20 (iii) That the research institution will require the hospital
21 reference laboratory to send the specimen described in subparagraph
22 (ii) to a state testing laboratory for analysis.

23 (iv) That the research institution will coordinate with the
24 department on the operation of the pilot program.

25 (4) The pilot program shall conclude not later than 5 years
26 after the date an eligible research institution is selected by the
27 department under this section.

28 (5) The department shall do both of the following:

29 (a) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the

1 amendatory act that added this part and by July 1 of each year
2 thereafter, submit a written report on the pilot program to the
3 standing committees in the senate and house of representatives with
4 jurisdiction over issues pertaining to public health. The report
5 must include, but is not limited to, the number of subjects tested
6 and the number of grants awarded to the eligible research
7 institution.

8 (b) After the conclusion of the pilot program, submit a
9 written report to the standing committees in the senate and house
10 of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to
11 public health. The report must summarize the impact and
12 effectiveness of the pilot program and include any recommendations
13 on PFAS-related legislation.

14 Sec. 5755. A primary care physician who determines that an
15 individual may be a qualified study participant may do both of the
16 following:

17 (a) Inform the individual or, if the individual is a minor,
18 the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the individual,
19 that the individual may be eligible to participate in the pilot
20 program.

21 (b) Refer the individual to the eligible research institution
22 to receive more information on the pilot program.

23 Sec. 5757. The department, in consultation with the eligible
24 research institution and the Michigan PFAS action response team,
25 shall develop and publish a pamphlet that provides educational
26 material regarding PFAS.

27 Sec. 5759. (1) The PFAS pilot program fund is created in the
28 state treasury.

29 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets

1 received from any source in the fund. The state treasurer shall
2 direct the investment of money in the fund and credit interest and
3 earnings from the investments to the fund.

4 (3) The department is the administrator of the fund for audits
5 of the fund.

6 (4) The department shall expend money from the fund on
7 appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

8 (a) To award a grant to a research institution to conduct the
9 pilot program.

10 (b) To reimburse the department for the cost to a state
11 testing laboratory in conducting a full blood panel test for a
12 qualified study participant under this part. The reimbursement must
13 not exceed the amount necessary to fund the testing service
14 provided and must not be greater than a reasonable fee established
15 under section 9601 for similar testing services.

16 (c) To develop and publish the pamphlet described in section
17 5757.

18 Sec. 5761. The department may promulgate rules to implement
19 this part.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
21 unless Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S00870'25) or House Bill
22 No. 4499 (request no. H00870'25) of the 103rd Legislature is
23 enacted into law.