

# SENATE BILL NO. 299

May 13, 2025, Introduced by Senators HUIZENGA and WEBBER and referred to Committee on Housing and Human Services.

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. 298 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into  
22 law.