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Bill Number:	H. 3499 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject:	Water Quality
Requestor:	House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith
Impact Date:	February 13, 2023 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to promulgate regulations that establish maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for likely or known carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard in public water systems. The expenditure impact on DHEC is undetermined as the agency is unable to estimate the impact of establishing MCLs for certain carcinogens and toxic chemicals in public water systems.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHEC.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on February 13, 2023 Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill requires DHEC to promulgate regulations, within 180 days of the effective date of the resolution, that establish MCLs for likely or known carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard in public water systems. DHEC must also annually review the latest peer-reviewed science and independent or governmental agency studies and promulgate, if necessary, additional or revised regulations. The expenditure impact on DHEC is undetermined as the agency is unable to estimate the impact of establishing MCLs for certain carcinogens and toxic chemicals in public water systems. The agency needs further clarification on implementation once the bill is enacted. *This section of the fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHEC*.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure N/A

Local Revenue N/A

Introduced on January 10, 2023 State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure N/A

Local Revenue N/A

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