

S 2525

Guaranteeing Equipment Safety for Firefighters Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Sep 19, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7560	Related bill	Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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This bill requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to study and report on the contents and composition of certain firefighting equipment.

Such study shall examine perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, in new and unused personal protective equipment (PPE) worn by firefighters. PFAS are man-made substances that may have adverse human health effects, and which are contained in a variety of PPE. Specifically NIST must study (1) the identity, prevalence, and concentration of PFAS in such PPE; (2) the conditions and extent to which PFAS are released into the environment from the degradation of such PPE from normal use by firefighters; and (3) the relative risk of exposure to PFAS faced by firefighters.

NIST shall issue a solicitation for research proposals to carry out recommendations from its report and award grants to applicants that submit proposals to develop safe alternatives to PFAS in firefighters' PPE.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 12, 2020:** By Senator Wicker from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 116-252.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 493.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 19, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.