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Guaranteeing Equipment Safety for Firefighters Act of 2020

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6395	Related bill	Jan 2, 2021: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
116 S 2525	Related bill	Aug 12, 2020: By Senator Wicker from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 116-252.

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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

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