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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/18/2026	.	
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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Joe Casello Act."

Section 2. Section 376.911, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

376.911 Aqueous film-forming foam.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Aqueous film-forming foam" means any firefighting foam



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11 containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and
12 polyfluoroalkyl substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and
13 perfluorooctane sulfonate as defined by the United States
14 Environmental Protection Agency.

15 (b) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
16 Protection.

17 (2) Effective July 1, 2026:

18 (a) Aqueous film-forming foam may not be used for any
19 nonemergency instruction, training, or testing.

20 (b) All entities in possession of aqueous film-forming foam
21 must report inventories to the department.

22 (3) Effective July 1, 2027:

23 (a) The sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-
24 forming foam within this state is prohibited.

25 (b) All entities with remaining inventories of aqueous
26 film-forming foam must submit a disposal plan to the department.

27 (4) Effective July 1, 2029, the possession and use of
28 aqueous film-forming foam is prohibited in this state.

29 (5) The prohibition under subsection (4) does not apply to:

30 (a) Federal aviation facilities required to comply with 14
31 C.F.R. part 139.

32 (b) Military applications where alternatives do not exist.

33 (c) Emergency firefighting situations where alternative
34 firefighting foam is not available, including mutual aid where
35 state or local firefighting authorities may not have adequate
36 equipment to dispense alternatives.

37 (d) Specific aqueous film-forming foam retrofit projects
38 submitted under an application with state or local firefighting
39 authorities.



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40 (6) The department shall:
41 (a) Adopt rules for containment, collection, and disposal
42 of aqueous film-forming foam.
43 (b) Maintain a registry of firefighting foam alternatives
44 that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
45 substances.
46 (c) Provide technical assistance and grants for transition
47 to products that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and
48 polyfluoroalkyl substances.
49 (7) The department may administer grants or cost-share
50 programs to assist local fire departments and airports in
51 transitioning to products that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and
52 polyfluoroalkyl substances.
53 (8) A person who violates this act is subject to:
54 (a) Civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 for each
55 violation for each day the violation persists.
56 (b) Additional penalties for failure to report inventories
57 or submit disposal plans.
58 (9) The department may seek injunctive relief to enforce
59 compliance with this section.
60 Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section 403.086,
61 Florida Statutes, to read:
62 403.086 Sewage disposal facilities; advanced and secondary
63 waste treatment.—
64 (12) (a) All public entities disposing of domestic
65 wastewater biosolids and treated effluent that have a designed
66 average daily flow of 25,000 or more gallons per day must
67 quarterly conduct at least one biosolids and treated effluent
68 sampling, as applicable, for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl



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69 substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane
70 sulfonate, and submit the results to the department. The
71 sampling must be conducted in accordance with department rules.

72 (b) Until water quality standards for perfluoroalkyl and
73 polyfluoroalkyl substances are established by the United States
74 Environmental Protection Agency and adopted by the department,
75 the sampling and reporting conducted pursuant to paragraph (a)
76 is for informational purposes only and may not be the basis for
77 any department enforcement action or other cause of action.

78 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete everything before the enacting clause
83 and insert:

84 A bill to be entitled

85 An act relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
86 substances; providing a short title; creating s.
87 376.911, F.S.; defining the terms "aqueous film-
88 forming foam" and "department"; prohibiting, beginning
89 on a specified date, certain use and the sale,
90 purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-forming
91 foam; requiring, beginning on a specified date,
92 certain entities to submit aqueous film-forming foam
93 inventories and disposal plans to the Department of
94 Environmental Protection; prohibiting, beginning on a
95 specified date, the possession and use of aqueous
96 film-forming foam; providing applicability; providing
97 duties of the department; authorizing the department



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98 to administer certain grants or cost-share programs;
99 providing penalties and injunctive relief; amending s.
100 403.086, F.S.; requiring certain public entities
101 disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids and treated
102 effluent to quarterly conduct specified samplings and
103 submit the results to the department; requiring that
104 such sampling be conducted in accordance with
105 department rules; providing that such sampling is for
106 informational purposes only, and may not be the basis
107 for enforcement action or other causes of action,
108 until the department adopts certain water quality
109 standards; providing an effective date.