A bill to be entitled
An act relating to a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl
Substances Task Force; creating the task force within
the Department of Environmental Protection; providing
the membership, organization, and duties of the task
force; requiring the department to provide staffing to
assist the task force in the performance of its
duties; requiring the task force to convene by a
specified date; requiring the task force to submit an
annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a
specified date; providing requirements for the report;
providing for the repeal of the task force; providing
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Task
Force.—
(1) The PFAS Task Force is created within the Department of
Environmental Protection. The task force is composed of the
following 16 members:
(a) One representative from each of the following state
entities:
   1. The Department of Environmental Protection, appointed by
      the secretary of the department.
   2. The Department of Health, appointed by the State Surgeon
      General.
   3. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
      appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
4. The Division of Emergency Management, appointed by the division director.

5. The Bureau of Fire Standards and Training within the Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.

(b) One representative of each of the following organizations, appointed by the Governor:

1. The Florida League of Cities.
2. The Florida Association of Counties.
4. The Florida Section of the American Water Works Association.
5. The Florida Airports Council.
11. The Florida Professional Firefighters.

(2) The task force shall elect a chair from among its membership. Except as otherwise provided, the task force shall operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.

(3) The task force shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly, and may conduct its meetings through teleconferencing or other similar means.

(4) Members of the task force are entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses, pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, for service on the task force.
(5) The task force shall develop recommendations for all of the following:

(a) Enforceable regulatory standards for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil.

(b) A mechanism for the identification and cleanup of contaminated areas.

(c) Methods to address liability for contamination and financial responsibility for cleanup.

(d) Appropriate methods and technologies, considering cost, for cleanup and treatment of PFAS contamination.

(e) Funding sources and mechanisms for prioritizing the distribution of funds for cleanup and remediation of PFAS contamination.

(f) Methods to manage waste containing PFAS to prevent possible release or discharge into the environment which could cause contamination of drinking water, groundwater, and soil.

(g) Appropriate testing for and monitoring of PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil to protect the public health and welfare.

(h) Methods to eliminate workplace exposure within the manufacturing and firefighting industries.

(6) The department shall provide staff to assist the task force in performing its duties.

(7) The task force shall convene no later than October 1, 2022. The task force shall submit an annual report on its progress and findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by each October 1, beginning in 2023. In addition to the recommendations required by subsection (5), the report must also include the
following information:

(a) The current science on PFAS, including harmful levels and ingestion and exposure routes, with particular attention to significant developments.

(b) Geographic areas with particularly high levels of contamination identified in this state.

(c) Past and present actions by the state and federal government to address PFAS.

(8) This section is repealed July 1, 2026.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.