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This bill would modify existing peer review requirements for water quality standards developed by the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to require that a new or revised water quality standard be supported by an externally peer reviewed technical support document providing the scientific basis for the standard. The requirement would not apply when the water quality standard is not changed from a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) criterion that has been through peer review. Requires the technical support document to be released for public comment and external peer review before finalization and details the process and purpose of the review. The commissioner of the agency recently issued a directive to use a similar process when proposing or revising numeric water quality standards.