A bill to be entitled
An act relating to drinking water in public schools;
creating s. 1013.29, F.S.; providing legislative
findings; defining the term “drinking water source”;
requiring each school district to locate all drinking
water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on
each source, and install filters that meet certain
specifications on all such sources; requiring such
schools to post certain signage on certain water
sources and to publish specified information on the
school district’s website; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Section 1013.29, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1013.29 Prevention of lead in drinking water in public
schools.—

(1) The Legislature recognizes that:
(a) The adverse health effects of lead exposure in children
and adults are well documented and no safe blood lead level in
children has been identified;
(b) Lead accumulates in the body and can be ingested from
various sources, including water sources used for drinking, food
preparation, or cooking; and
(c) All sources of lead should be controlled or eliminated
to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

(2) As used in this section, the term “drinking water
source" means any water source used for drinking, food preparation, or cooking.

(3) For each district school which was built before 1986, each school district shall:

(a) Identify and install a barcode on all drinking water sources in such school.

(b) Install a filter that reduces lead in drinking water on each drinking water source and, at a minimum, maintain each filter in a manner consistent with the manufacturer’s recommendations. The filter or all of the filter’s component parts must meet the National Sanitation Foundation/American National Standards Institute Standard 53: Drinking Water Treatment Units-Health Effects or Standard 61: Drinking Water System Components-Health Effects, as appropriate.

(c) Post a conspicuous sign near each school water source that is not a drinking water source. The sign must include wording and an image that clearly communicate that water from the source should not be used for human consumption or, if applicable, food preparation or cooking.

(d) Publish on the school district’s website a list of drinking water sources at such schools. At a minimum, the list must include for each drinking water source all of the following:

1. The date on which the current filter was installed.

2. The date on which the current filter is scheduled to be replaced.

3. The barcode identification number associated with the source.

4. Any actions necessary to comply with the requirements of
this section which have been completed or are pending.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.