

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to drinking water in public schools;  
3           creating s. 1013.29, F.S.; providing legislative  
4           findings; defining terms; subject to legislative  
5           appropriation, requiring each school district to  
6           install filters that meet certain specifications on  
7           drinking water sources; requiring such schools to post  
8           certain signage on certain water sources and to  
9           publish specified information on the school district's  
10          website; authorizing school districts to request  
11          additional funding to compensate school district staff  
12          for the installation or replacement of filters;  
13          providing for rulemaking; providing an appropriation;  
14          providing an effective date.

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

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

20           1013.29 Prevention of lead in drinking water in public  
21   schools.-

22           (1) The Legislature finds that:

23           (a) The adverse health effects of lead exposure in  
24   children and adults are well documented and no safe blood lead  
25   level in children has been identified;

26 (b) Lead accumulates in the body and can be ingested from  
 27 various sources, including water sources used for drinking, food  
 28 preparation, or cooking; and

29 (c) All sources of lead should be controlled or eliminated  
 30 to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

31 (2) As used in this section, the term:

32 (a) "Drinking water source" means any water source used  
 33 for drinking, food preparation, or cooking. The term also  
 34 includes water fountains, ice makers, and kitchen sinks.

35 (b) "Point of use filter" or "filter" means a water  
 36 filtration system that treats water at a single tap.

37 (3) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
 38 Legislature, for each district school that was built before  
 39 1986, each school district shall:

40 (a) Install a point of use filter that reduces the lead  
 41 content in drinking water on each drinking water source and  
 42 maintain such filters in a manner consistent with the  
 43 manufacturer's recommendations.

44 1. The filter must be installed by a school district staff  
 45 member.

46 2. The filter or all of its component parts must meet the  
 47 NSF International/American National Standards Institute Standard  
 48 53: Drinking Water Treatment Units-Health Effects.

49 3. The filter must have a certified capacity of 7,900  
 50 gallons and, at a minimum, must be changed or replaced annually.

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

56 (c) Publish on its website a list of drinking water  
57 sources at such schools. At a minimum, the list must include,  
58 for each drinking water source, all of the following:

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

60 2. The date on which the current filter is scheduled to be  
61 changed or replaced.

62 3. The location of each drinking water source.

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

65 (4) Each school district may request additional funds for  
66 the purpose of compensating school district staff for the  
67 installation or replacement of filters.

68 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
69 administer this section.

70 Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of \$3  
71 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General  
72 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of  
73 implementing s. 1013.29, Florida Statutes, as created by this  
74 act.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.