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HOUSE BILL 17-1306

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF TESTING FOR LEAD IN PUBLIC  
102 SCHOOLS' DRINKING WATER, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill directs the department of public health and environment (department) to establish a grant program to test for lead in public schools' drinking water. The department will give the highest priority to the oldest public elementary schools, then the oldest public schools that are not elementary schools, and then all other public schools. The

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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department may also consider ability to pay in administering the program. The department is directed to use its best efforts to complete all testing and analysis by June 30, 2020. The public school must provide at least 10% local matching funds and give the test results to its local public health agency, its supplier of water, its school board, and the department. The department may use up to \$300,000 per year for 3 years for grants beginning on or after July 1, 2017, from the water quality improvement fund if there is money available after fully funding existing programs. The department shall provide 4 annual reports to the general assembly regarding implementation of the grant program, including any legislative proposals that may be warranted.

The bill appropriates \$440,000 and 1.0 FTE to the department of public health and environment for the implementation of the act.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the "Safe  
3 Water in Schools Act".

4           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-203, **add**  
5 (1)(f) as follows:

6           **25-1.5-203. Water - powers and duties of department - rules**  
7 **- repeal.** (1) The department has, in addition to all other powers and  
8 duties imposed upon it by law, the powers and duties provided in this  
9 section as follows:

10           **(f) Public school lead testing grant program.** (I) TO ESTABLISH  
11 A GRANT PROGRAM TO PAY FOR TESTING TO DETECT THE PRESENCE AND  
12 CONCENTRATION OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS  
13 THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-1-101 (1), THAT RECEIVES ITS  
14 DRINKING WATER FROM A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; EXCEPT THAT, FOR  
15 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC SCHOOL" INCLUDES: A PUBLIC  
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT; A CHARTER SCHOOL, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
17 SECTION 22-30.5-103 (2), INCLUDING AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, AS  
18 THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.5-502 (6); AND A BOARD OF

1 COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-5-103  
2 (2). THE DEPARTMENT MAY SPECIFY TESTING PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES  
3 AND MAY PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE,  
4 TO APPLICANTS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS REGARDING THE GRANT  
5 APPLICATION, SAMPLING GUIDANCE, SAMPLING PLAN REVIEW, AND  
6 COMMUNICATION GUIDANCE. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES TO  
7 IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH RULES MAY INCLUDE  
8 CONSIDERATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR TESTING IN  
9 ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

10 (II) IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 PRIORITIZE GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: THE OLDEST  
12 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS; THE OLDEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE  
13 NOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS; AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS. FOR  
14 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f)(II), AN "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"  
15 MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT INCLUDES ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:  
16 PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, AND GRADES ONE THROUGH FIVE. THE  
17 DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO DEVELOP AND APPLY SECONDARY CRITERIA AS  
18 ESTABLISHED THROUGH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION. A  
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL LEAD AND COPPER  
20 RULE, 40 CFR PART 141, SUBPART I, OR HAS ALREADY TESTED OR IS IN THE  
21 PROCESS OF TESTING ITS DRINKING WATER FOR LEAD IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR  
22 A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f).

23 (III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY ITS BEST EFFORTS TO  
24 COMPLETE ALL TESTING AND ANALYSIS BY JUNE 30, 2020.

25 (IV) A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO  
26 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f) SHALL EITHER ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THAT  
27 REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S TESTING PROTOCOLS TO

1 HAVE THE TESTING CONDUCTED OR FOLLOW THE DEPARTMENT'S TESTING  
2 PROTOCOLS AND PROVIDE THE TEST SAMPLES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
3 LABORATORY OR A LABORATORY CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS  
4 EQUIPPED TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED TESTING AND ANALYSIS ON A  
5 TIMELY BASIS. THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE THE TEST RESULTS TO  
6 ITS LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY, ITS SUPPLIER OF WATER, ITS SCHOOL  
7 BOARD, AND THE DEPARTMENT.

8 (V) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONEY FROM THE WATER  
9 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-8-608 (1.5) AS  
10 AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25-8-608 (1.7)(d) TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (1)(f).

12 (VI) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE  
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT BY FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR  
14 UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2021, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEES OF  
15 REFERENCE WITH JURISDICTION OVER PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING:

16 (A) THE NUMBER, TYPES, NAMES, AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
18 (1)(f);

19 (B) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED; THE  
20 INDIVIDUAL AMOUNTS AND TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY AWARDED;  
21 AND THE NUMBER, TYPES, NAMES, AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
22 THAT RECEIVED THE GRANTS;

23 (C) A SUMMARY OF THE TEST RESULTS; AND

24 (D) ANY LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
25 BELIEVES TO BE WARRANTED THAT WOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
26 ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO FACILITATE THE TESTING FOR OR  
27 REMEDIATION OF HIGH LEAD LEVELS IN DRINKING WATER.

1 (VII) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
2 1, 2021.

3 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-608, **add**  
4 (1.7)(d) as follows:

5 **25-8-608. Civil penalties - rules - fund created - temporary**  
6 **moratorium on penalties for minor violations - definitions - repeal.**

7 (1.7) (d) (I) IF THERE IS MONEY STILL AVAILABLE AFTER FULLY FUNDING  
8 ALL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

10 (A) UP TO THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
11 2017-18, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19,  
12 AND THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FOR  
13 GRANTS FOR LEAD TESTING AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAD  
14 TESTING GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-1.5-203 (1)(f);  
15 AND

16 (B) ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
17 2017-18, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19,  
18 AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 TO  
19 IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAD TESTING GRANT PROGRAM  
20 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-1.5-203 (1)(f), INCLUDING TECHNICAL  
21 SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, GRANT ADMINISTRATION, AND REPORTING.

22 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1.7)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
23 SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

24 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,  
25 \$431,803 is appropriated to the department of public health and  
26 environment for use by the water quality control division. This  
27 appropriation is from the water quality improvement fund created in

1 section 25-8-608 (1.5), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may  
2 use this appropriation as follows:

3 (a) \$121,290 for personal services related to the drinking water  
4 program, which amount is based on an assumption that the division will  
5 require an additional 1.3 FTE; and

6 (b) \$310,513 for operating expenses related to the drinking water  
7 program. ■

8 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.