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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 23-1298

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota and Bird, Bockenfeld, Amabile, Bacon, Brown, deGruy Kennedy, Dickson, Duran, English, Froelich, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hamrick, Herod, Jodeh, Joseph, Kipp, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Mabrey, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Ortiz, Snyder, Story, Titone, Valdez, Velasco, Vigil, Weinberg, Weissman, Willford, Young, McCluskie;  
also SENATOR(S) Bridges and Kirkmeyer, Zenzinger, Buckner, Coleman, Cutter, Exum, Fields, Ginal, Gonzales, Hinrichsen, Jaquez Lewis, Kolker, Marchman, Moreno, Priola, Sullivan, Winter F.

CONCERNING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MUST BEGIN PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING THE LEAD CONTENT OF DRINKING WATER.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-902, **amend** (5)(b)(IV) as follows:

**25-8-902. School and child care clean drinking water fund - creation.** (5) The department shall expend money from the fund only:

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

(b) To reimburse eligible schools, child care centers, and family child care homes as needed for costs associated with complying with this part 9, in the following order of priority:

(IV) On and after ~~March 15, 2024~~ JUNE 1, 2023, subject to available appropriations, eligible schools that serve students in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-903, **amend (7)(b)** as follows:

**25-8-903. Testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in child care centers, family child care homes, and eligible schools - remediation - maintenance of records - training - inspections - enforcement - reimbursement - technical assistance - exemptions - opt out by family child care home - reports. (7) Reimbursement.** (b) Notwithstanding subsection (7)(a) of this section, the department shall not reimburse an eligible school that serves students in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade until ~~March 15, 2024~~ JUNE 1, 2023, for costs incurred for the purpose of complying with this section.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
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(Date and Time)

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