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2D SESSION

H. R. 8614

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to lead contamination
in school drinking water, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2026

Mr. JAMES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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lead contamination in school drinking water, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Water in Schools
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. LEAD CONTAMINATION IN SCHOOL DRINKING**
7 **WATER.**

8 (a) POINT-OF-USE FILTRATION SYSTEMS.—Section
9 1464(d)(2) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.

1 300j–24(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(D) POINT-OF-USE FILTRATION SYS-
 4 TEMS.—In carrying out the grant program
 5 under subparagraph (A), the Administrator
 6 shall make grants to local educational agencies
 7 to provide certified point-of-use filtration sys-
 8 tems described in section 1459A(b)(2)(D) at
 9 schools and child care programs under the ju-
 10 risdiction of those local educational agencies—

11 “(i) as a preventative measure to re-
 12 duce potential exposure to lead contamina-
 13 tion in drinking water prior to testing for
 14 such contamination, as determined appro-
 15 priate by the Administrator; and

16 “(ii) for purposes of remediation of
 17 lead contamination in drinking water
 18 under this paragraph.”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 20 1464(d)(8) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
 21 300j–24(d)(8)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (A)
 22 through (E) and inserting the following:

23 “(A) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

24 “(B) \$63,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

25 “(C) \$66,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

1 “(D) \$69,000,000 for fiscal year 2029;

2 and

3 “(E) \$72,000,000 for fiscal year 2030.”.

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