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H. R. 6061

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to make grants to States that establish and carry out programs to assist local educational agencies in testing for, and remediating, lead contamination in drinking water from any source of lead contamination at schools under the jurisdiction of such agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KIND, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No Lead in School
3 Water Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TESTING AND REMEDYING LEAD CONTAMINATION**
5 **IN DRINKING WATER AT SCHOOLS.**

6 (a) TESTING AND REMEDYING LEAD CONTAMINA-
7 TION IN DRINKING WATER AT SCHOOLS.—Section 1464
8 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–24) is
9 amended by striking subsections (c) and (d) and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(c) TESTING AND REMEDYING LEAD CONTAMINA-
12 TION.—

13 “(1) STATE PROGRAMS.—In order to receive a
14 grant under section 1465, a State shall establish and
15 carry out a program, that meets the requirements
16 under paragraph (2), to assist local educational
17 agencies in testing for, and remediating, lead contami-
18 nation in drinking water from any source of lead
19 contamination at schools under the jurisdiction of
20 such agencies, including drinking water coolers.

21 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—A State program under
22 paragraph (1) shall—

23 “(A) require testing for lead contamination
24 in drinking water at schools under the jurisdic-
25 tion of local educational agencies, including

1 testing of drinking water at the site of con-
2 sumption;

3 “(B) provide for the dissemination to local
4 educational agencies, private nonprofit elemen-
5 tary or secondary schools, and to day care cen-
6 ters of the guidance document and testing pro-
7 tocol published under subsection (b), together
8 with the list of drinking water coolers published
9 under section 1463(a);

10 “(C) provide that a copy of the results of
11 any testing under subparagraph (A) shall be
12 available in the administrative offices of the
13 local educational agency, and on a publicly ac-
14 cessible Web site, for inspection by the public,
15 including appropriate governmental entities,
16 teachers, other school personnel, and parents;

17 “(D) provide for notification of parent,
18 teacher, and employee organizations of the
19 availability of the results of any testing under
20 subparagraph (A);

21 “(E) if the results of any testing under
22 subparagraph (A) show a level of lead that
23 meets or exceeds a lead action level for remedi-
24 ation, as determined by the Administrator, in

1 conjunction with the Director of the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention—

3 “(i) require distribution of the guid-
4 ance document published under paragraph
5 (3) to parents; and

6 “(ii) require remediation measures be
7 taken; and

8 “(F) include any other requirement that
9 the Administrator determines necessary.

10 “(3) GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS.—Not later than
11 180 days after the date of enactment of this para-
12 graph, the Administrator shall publish and make
13 available on a publicly accessible Web site a guid-
14 ance document for parents that explains the results
15 of testing for lead contamination in drinking water
16 at schools, including results that show a level of lead
17 that meets or exceeds a lead action level for remedi-
18 ation, as determined by the Administrator, in con-
19 junction with the Director of the Centers for Disease
20 Control and Prevention, and actions parents can
21 take to protect their child from lead contamination
22 in drinking water at school and otherwise. Such doc-
23 ument may be revised and republished as the Ad-
24 ministrator determines necessary.”.

1 (b) FUNDING.—Section 1465 of the Safe Drinking
2 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–25) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) by striking “under section 1464” and
5 inserting “that meet the requirements of section
6 1464(c)”;

7 (B) by striking “drinking water coolers
8 and from other sources of lead contamination at
9 schools under the jurisdiction of such agencies”
10 and inserting “any source of lead contamination
11 at schools under the jurisdiction of such agen-
12 cies, including drinking water coolers”; and

13 (C) by striking “after the enactment of
14 this section” and inserting “after the date of
15 enactment of the No Lead in School Water
16 Act”; and

17 (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2022.

22 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
23 cost of a State program under section 1464(c) carried out
24 using a grant under this section may not exceed 75 per-
25 cent of the total cost of the program.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2 Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
4 tection Agency shall submit to Congress a report on the
5 State programs under section 1464(c) of the Safe Drink-
6 ing Water Act, including the level of participation by
7 States, the effect of the programs, and the estimated
8 health and economic benefits of the programs.

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