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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to water bottle filling stations and lead
2 testing in school districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.73 Water bottle filling
2 stations — lead testing — signage.

3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall install
4 at least one water bottle filling station designed to prevent
5 exposure to lead at each attendance center for each one hundred
6 students enrolled at the attendance center. The board shall
7 annually conduct testing for the presence of lead at each
8 filling station. The board shall post the results of the
9 testing on the board's internet site.

10 2. The board shall post a sign near each faucet in an
11 attendance center which indicates that the faucet is not
12 suitable for drinking. Such signage may indicate permitted
13 uses for such a faucet.

14 Sec. 2. Section 298.3, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
15 by adding the following new paragraphs:

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. n. Installation of water bottle filling
17 stations, lead testing, and posting of signage pursuant to
18 section 279.73.

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Conducting testing for the presence
20 of lead in a faucet in an attendance center that is used for
21 the preparation of food or for drinking. This paragraph is
22 repealed July 1, 2023.

23 Sec. 3. Section 423F.3, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code
24 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

25 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) Additionally, "school infrastructure"
26 includes installation of water bottle filling stations, lead
27 testing, and posting of signage pursuant to section 279.73.

28 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) Additionally, "school infrastructure"
29 includes conducting testing for the presence of lead in a
30 faucet in an attendance center that is used for the preparation
31 of food or for drinking. This subparagraph is repealed July
32 1, 2023.

33 Sec. 4. LEAD TESTING OF SCHOOL FAUCETS. No later than June
34 30, 2023, the board of directors of a school district shall
35 conduct a test for the presence of lead in each faucet in an

1 attendance center that is used for the preparation of food or
2 for drinking. The board shall post the results of the testing
3 on the board's internet site.

4 Sec. 5. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
5 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
6 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be
7 paid by a school district from a physical plant and equipment
8 levy under section 298.2, from revenues from the secure an
9 advanced vision for education fund under chapter 423F, or any
10 funds available pursuant to federal law. This specification of
11 the payment of the state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the
12 state funding-related requirements of section 25B.2, subsection
13 3, and no additional state funding shall be necessary for the
14 full implementation of this Act by and enforcement of this Act
15 against all affected school districts.

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EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires a school board to install at least one
20 water bottle filling station designed to prevent exposure to
21 lead at each attendance center for each 100 students enrolled
22 at the attendance center. The bill requires a board to
23 annually conduct testing for the presence of lead at each
24 filling station and post the results of the testing on the
25 board's internet site.

26 The bill requires a school board to post a sign near each
27 faucet in an attendance center which indicates that the faucet
28 is not suitable for drinking.

29 The bill requires a school board to conduct a test for the
30 presence of lead in each faucet in an attendance center that is
31 used for the preparation of food or for drinking no later than
32 June 30, 2023, and post the results on the board's internet
33 site.

34 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
35 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of

1 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 district from a physical plant and equipment levy under Code
3 section 298.2, from revenues from the secure an advanced
4 vision for education fund under Code chapter 423F, or any
5 funds available pursuant to federal law. The specification
6 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
7 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
8 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
9 the requirement of school districts to comply with any state
10 mandates included in the bill.

11 The bill authorizes school districts to use revenues from
12 the physical plant and equipment levy under Code section 298.2
13 or from the secure an advanced vision for education fund under
14 Code chapter 423F to comply with the requirements in the bill.