

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 671**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 6109.122 of the Revised Code to 1  
require the Director of Environmental Protection 2  
to adopt rules establishing procedures and 3  
requirements governing annual testing of school 4  
drinking water for lead, to name this act the 5  
State Water Quality Act for Kids, and to declare 6  
an emergency. 7

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 6109.122 of the Revised Code be 8  
enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 6109.122.** (A) As used in this section, "school" and 10  
"local board of health" have the same meanings as in section 11  
6109.121 of the Revised Code. 12

(B) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of 13  
this section, the director of environmental protection shall 14  
adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 15  
requiring each school in this state that is not subject to 16  
section 6109.121 of the Revised Code to be annually tested for 17  
lead in the school's drinking water. 18

(C) The rules shall establish all of the following: 19

- (1) Testing standards and procedures; 20
- (2) A requirement that local boards of health conduct the annual testing; 21  
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- (3) A requirement that the director publish the results of the annual test as soon as they are available; 23  
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- (4) Remediation requirements applicable to a school when an annual test indicates that the school's drinking water exceeds applicable standards for lead in drinking water. The remediation requirements shall include at least the following: 25  
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- (a) A requirement that the school immediately provide bottled drinking water to its students, faculty, and visitors; 29  
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- (b) A requirement that the school develop a plan, in consultation with the director, to bring the school's drinking water into compliance with applicable standards; 31  
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- (c) A requirement that the school implement the plan; 34
- (d) A requirement that the school close drinking water fountains in the school until the remediation plan is implemented. 35  
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- (5) Any other procedures or requirements that the director determines are necessary to implement this section. 38  
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**Section 2.** This act shall be known as the State Water Quality Act for Kids. 40  
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**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to protect the health and safety of the school children of this state. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 42  
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