

HOUSE BILL 631

By Staples

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;  
Title 68 and Title 69, relative to water quality in  
schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The state board of education shall promulgate rules, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to implement a program to reduce the potential sources of lead contamination in drinking water in public schools that incorporates the following elements:

(1) Periodic testing of lead levels in drinking water sources at school facilities that were constructed prior to June 19, 1986, utilizing samples consisting of the first two hundred fifty milliliters (250 mL) drawn of water that has sat in plumbing overnight to identify lead levels that exceed twenty parts per billion (20 ppb);

(2) Providing notice of the result of any lead level test conducted under subdivision (a)(1) that exceeds twenty parts per billion (20 ppb) to the commissioner of environment and conservation within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of such test result;

(3) Retesting the lead level of any drinking water source from which a sample was taken under subdivision (a)(1) that produced a lead level test result in excess of twenty parts per billion (20 ppb) within a period of time determined by the commissioner of environment and conservation. The retesting must be

conducted in the same manner as testing is conducted under subdivision (a)(1);  
and

(4) Notification of the parents and guardians of all students who attend a school where retesting under subdivision (a)(3) produced a lead level test result in excess of twenty parts per billion (20 ppb). The notification must include the results of the test conducted under subdivision (a)(1), which necessitated the retesting under subdivision (a)(3), as well as the results of the retest.

(b) Each LEA must comply with the rules promulgated under subsection (a).

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on January 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.