

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Provides relative to testing for lead in drinking water

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.6.1, relative to safe drinking water; to authorize a pilot program for
3 drinking water testing at schools; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.6.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §5.6.1. Safe drinking water; pilot program for water testing at schools; reporting;
7 termination

8 A. The Louisiana Department of Health, referred to hereafter in this Section
9 as the "department", shall establish a pilot program for drinking water testing at
10 elementary schools which comports with the requirements and specifications
11 provided in this Section.

12 B. The department shall select for the pilot program twelve public
13 elementary schools at which to conduct drinking water testing. The department shall
14 select for the pilot program schools with buildings which were built prior to 1986 or
15 which may otherwise be susceptible to drinking water contamination.

16 C. The office of public health of the department shall conduct drinking water
17 testing on a schedule determined by the state health officer in each school selected
18 for the pilot program. The state health officer shall select the standards for which the
19 office shall test such that the testing is accomplished in a cost-neutral manner.

1 D. The department shall operate the pilot program in a manner which incurs
 2 no additional cost to the department.

3 E. The department shall report findings and outcomes of the pilot program
 4 to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on or before December
 5 31 annually.

6 F. The provisions of this Section shall terminate on January 1, 2021.

DIGEST

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HB 633 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to establish a pilot program for drinking water testing at elementary schools. Requires LDH to select for the pilot program 12 public elementary schools at which to conduct drinking water testing.

Proposed law requires LDH to select for the pilot program schools with buildings which were built prior to 1986 or which may otherwise be susceptible to drinking water contamination.

Proposed law requires LDH to conduct drinking water testing on a schedule determined by the state health officer in each school selected for the pilot program.

Proposed law requires LDH to select the standards for which the pilot program shall test such that the testing is accomplished in a cost-neutral manner.

Proposed law requires LDH to operate the pilot program in a manner which incurs no additional cost to the department.

Proposed law requires LDH to report findings and outcomes of the pilot program to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before December 31 annually.

Proposed law terminates on January 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.6.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require that water testing be performed on all community water systems, rather than on all water supplies accessible by the public in state-owned, state-operated, or state-licensed facilities.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Delete proposed law relative to safe drinking water, inspections and tests for lead, and water testing on community water systems.

2. Require the La. Department of Health (LDH) to establish a pilot program for drinking water testing at elementary schools.
3. Require LDH to select for the pilot program 12 public elementary schools at which to conduct drinking water testing.
4. Require LDH to select for the pilot program schools with buildings which were built prior to 1986 or which may otherwise be susceptible to drinking water contamination.
5. Require LDH to conduct drinking water testing on a schedule determined by the state health officer in each school selected for the pilot program.
6. Require LDH to select the standards for which the pilot program shall test such that the testing is accomplished in a cost-neutral manner.
7. Require LDH to operate the pilot program in a manner which incurs no additional cost to the department.
8. Require LDH to report findings and outcomes of the pilot program to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before December 31 annually.
9. Provide that proposed law shall terminate on January 1, 2021.