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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to drinking water in public schools;  
 3       creating s. 1013.29, F.S.; providing legislative  
 4       findings; defining the term "drinking water source";  
 5       requiring each school district to locate all drinking  
 6       water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on  
 7       each source, and install filters that meet certain  
 8       specifications on all such sources; requiring such  
 9       schools to post certain signage on certain water  
 10      sources and to publish specified information on the  
 11      school district's website; providing an effective  
 12      date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16       Section 1. Section 1013.29, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 17       read:

18       1013.29 Prevention of lead in drinking water in public  
 19       schools.-

20       (1) The Legislature recognizes that:

21       (a) The adverse health effects of lead exposure in children  
 22       and adults are well documented and no safe blood lead level in  
 23       children has been identified;

24       (b) Lead accumulates in the body and can be ingested from  
 25       various sources, including water sources used for drinking, food  
 26       preparation, or cooking; and

27       (c) All sources of lead should be controlled or eliminated  
 28       to prevent childhood lead poisoning.

29       (2) As used in this section, the term "drinking water

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30 source” means water source used for drinking, food  
31 preparation, or cooking.

32 (3) For each district school which was built before 1986,  
33 each school district shall:

34 (a) Identify and install a barcode on all drinking water  
35 sources in such school.

36 (b) Install a filter that reduces lead in drinking water on  
37 each drinking water source and, at a minimum, maintain each  
38 filter in a manner consistent with the manufacturer’s  
39 recommendations. The filter or all of the filter’s component  
40 parts must meet the National Sanitation Foundation/American  
41 National Standards Institute Standard 53: Drinking Water  
42 Treatment Units-Health Effects or Standard 61: Drinking Water  
43 System Components-Health Effects, as appropriate.

44 (c) Post a conspicuous sign near each school water source  
45 that is not a drinking water source. The sign must include  
46 wording and an image that clearly communicate that water from  
47 the source should not be used for human consumption or, if  
48 applicable, food preparation or cooking.

49 (d) Publish on the school district’s website a list of  
50 drinking water sources at such schools. At a minimum, the list  
51 must include for each drinking water source all of the  
52 following:

53 1. The date on which the current filter was installed.

54 2. The date on which the current filter is scheduled to be  
55 replaced.

56 3. The barcode identification number associated with the  
57 source.

58 4. Any actions necessary to comply with the requirements of

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59 this section which have been completed or are pending.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.