

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to drinking water in public schools;
 3 providing legislative findings; requiring the Office
 4 of Program Policy Analysis and Government
 5 Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a study of the
 6 prevalence and effects of lead in drinking water in
 7 public schools; specifying the information that must
 8 be included in the study; requiring OPPAGA to consult
 9 with district school boards, district boards, and
 10 other interested entities; requiring OPPAGA to submit
 11 the study to the Governor and the Legislature by a
 12 specified date; providing for future repeal; providing
 13 an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

18 (a) The adverse health effects of lead exposure in
 19 children and adults are well documented and no safe blood-lead
 20 level in children has been identified;

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

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

26 (2) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
 27 Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study of the prevalence
 28 and effects of lead in drinking water in public schools.

29 (3) The study must include all of the following
 30 information:

31 (a) The effects of lead on the health, growth, and mental
 32 development of children.

33 (b) The financial impact on the state due to the effects
 34 of lead on the health, growth, and mental development of
 35 children.

36 (c) How much each school district is affected by lead in
 37 school drinking water arranged by most affected to least
 38 affected.

39 (d) The cost to maintain the lead pipes currently used by
 40 public schools, including pipes that use lead in solder.

41 (e) The cost for the state to provide point of use water
 42 filters certified by the American National Standards Institute
 43 to reduce lead.

44 (4) In conducting the study, OPPAGA shall consult with
 45 district school boards, district boards as defined in s.
 46 153.52(3), Florida Statutes, and other interested entities.

47 (5) OPPAGA shall submit the study to the Governor, the
 48 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 49 Representatives by January 1, 2022.

50 (6) This act shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022, unless

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51 | reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
52 | Legislature.

53 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.