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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 1578**

2   Offered January 19, 2018

3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-135.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school boards; school*

4   *buildings; potable water; lead testing.*

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7   Referred to Committee on Education

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9   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 **1. That § 22.1-135.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

11   **§ 22.1-135.1. Potable water; lead testing.**

12   *A.* Each local school board shall develop and implement a plan to test ~~and, if necessary, remediate~~ *in*

13 *school buildings* potable water from sources identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as

14 high priority for testing, including bubbler-style and cooler-style drinking fountains, cafeteria or kitchen

15 taps, classroom combination sinks and drinking fountains, and sinks known to be or visibly used for

16 consumption*, as often as is required of the supplying public water system by the Virginia Department of*

17 *Health's Office of Drinking Water pursuant to regulations established in accordance with the federal*

18 *Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.).* The local school board shall give priority in the

19 testing plan to schools whose school building was constructed, in whole or in part, before 1986.

20   *B. The plan established pursuant to subsection A and the results of each test conducted pursuant to*

21 *such plan shall be posted on the local school board's website and reported to the Virginia Department*

22 *of Health.*

23   *C. If the results of any test conducted in accordance with the plan established pursuant to subsection*

24 *A indicate a level of lead in the potable water that is at or above 20 parts per billion, the school board*

25 *shall develop, implement, post on its website, and report to the Virginia Department of Health a plan to*

26 *remediate the level of lead in the potable water to below 20 parts per billion and confirm such*

27 *remediation by retesting the water at two consecutive six-month intervals, consistent with the federal*

28 *Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.).*