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**HOUSE BILL 22-1358**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ELIMINATE THE PRESENCE OF LEAD IN THE**  
102                    **DRINKING WATER OF CERTAIN FACILITIES WHERE CHILDREN**  
103                    **ARE PRESENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
104                    **APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires each public K-12 school (school), child care center, and family child care home to ensure that a filter is installed on every drinking water source and that each water filter complies with

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national standards and is replaced at least as frequently as required by the manufacturer's instructions. The bill also requires:

- Each school and child care center to develop and implement a plan for the maintenance of its water filters and filtration systems, which plan includes the creation of an inventory of water sources, regular testing of drinking water, and remediation efforts;
- Family child care homes to regularly test drinking water and take certain remediation efforts; and
- The department of public health and environment (department) to provide training to each school, child care center, and family child care home regarding water filter maintenance, flushing protocols, testing for lead, reporting processes for sampling reports, and other activities relevant to compliance with the bill's new requirements.

The bill creates the school and child care clean drinking water fund in the department and requires the department to expend money from the fund only to help schools, child care centers, and family child care homes pay for the costs of complying with the bill's new requirements.

The water quality control commission (commission) may enforce the new provisions by issuing administrative orders and assessing penalties but is not required to do so. On or before each December 1, starting in 2023, the commission is required to submit a report to legislative committees of reference with jurisdiction over public health matters, which report summarizes the results of the tests performed by schools, child care centers, and family child care homes and identifies noncompliant schools, child care centers, and family child care homes.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 9 to article  
3 8 of title 25 as follows:

4 **PART 9**

5 **TESTING OF DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE**  
6 **CENTERS, AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

7 **25-8-901. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 9, UNLESS THE  
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "CHILD CARE CENTER" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
10 SECTION 26-6-102 (5); EXCEPT THAT "CHILD CARE CENTER" DOES NOT

1 INCLUDE:

2 (a) A SUMMER CAMP; OR

3 (b) A CHILDREN'S RESIDENT CAMP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION

4 26-6-102 (8).

5 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

6 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

7 (3) "DRINKING WATER SOURCE" MEANS ANY POTABLE WATER

8 OUTLET OR FIXTURE THAT IS USED OR THAT MAY BE USED BY AN

9 INDIVIDUAL TO ACQUIRE WATER FOR DRINKING OR COOKING.

10 (4) "ELIGIBLE SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL THAT SERVES ANY OF

11 GRADES PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE.

12 (5) "FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN

13 SECTION 26-6-102 (13).

14 (6) "FILTERED BOTTLE-FILLING STATION" MEANS AN APPARATUS

15 THAT:

16 (a) IS CONNECTED TO BUILDING PLUMBING;

17 (b) FILTERS WATER;

18 (c) IS CERTIFIED TO MEET NSF/ANSI STANDARD 53 FOR LEAD

19 REDUCTION AND NSF/ANSI STANDARD 42 FOR PARTICULATE REMOVAL;

20 (d) HAS A LIGHT OR OTHER DEVICE TO INDICATE FILTER STATUS;

21 (e) IS DESIGNED TO FILL DRINKING BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS

22 USED FOR PERSONAL WATER CONSUMPTION; AND

23 (f) INCLUDES A FEATURE THAT ALLOWS A USER TO DRINK

24 DIRECTLY FROM A STREAM OF FLOWING WATER WITHOUT THE USE OF AN

25 ACCESSORY.

26 (7) "FILTERED FAUCET" MEANS A FAUCET THAT, AT THE POINT OF

27 USE, INCLUDES A FILTER THAT IS CERTIFIED TO MEET NSF/ANSI

1 STANDARD 53 FOR LEAD REDUCTION AND NSF/ANSI STANDARD 42 FOR  
2 PARTICULATE REMOVAL;

3 (8) "FILTRATION SYSTEM" MEANS A FILTERED BOTTLE-FILLING  
4 STATION OR FILTERED FAUCET.

5 (9) "FUND" MEANS THE SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CLEAN DRINKING  
6 WATER FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-8-902.

7 (10) (a) "LEAD SERVICE LINE" MEANS:

8 (I) A WATER SERVICE LINE MADE OF LEAD; OR

9 (II) A LEAD PIGTAIL, LEAD GOOSENECK, OR OTHER LEAD FITTING  
10 THAT IS CONNECTED TO A WATER SERVICE LINE.

11 (b) "LEAD SERVICE LINE" INCLUDES ANY GALVANIZED SERVICE  
12 LINE THAT IS OR EVER WAS DOWNSTREAM OF ANY LEAD SERVICE LINE OR  
13 ANY SERVICE LINE OF UNKNOWN MATERIAL.

14 (c) A LEAD SERVICE LINE MAY BE OWNED BY A WATER SYSTEM, A  
15 PROPERTY OWNER, OR BOTH.

16 (11) "NSF/ANSI STANDARD 42" MEANS THE NSF  
17 INTERNATIONAL/AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE STANDARD  
18 42-2020 FOR "DRINKING WATER TREATMENT UNITS, AESTHETIC EFFECTS",  
19 AS AMENDED.

20 (12) "NSF/ANSI STANDARD 53" MEANS THE NSF  
21 INTERNATIONAL/AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE STANDARD  
22 53-2020 FOR "DRINKING WATER TREATMENT UNITS, HEALTH EFFECTS", AS  
23 AMENDED.

24 (13) "RELEVANT LANGUAGES" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
25 SECTION 25-7-141 (2)(o).

26 (14) "SCHOOL" MEANS:

27 (a) A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT;

1 (b) A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
2 22-11-103 (12);

3 (c) AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
4 22-30.5-502 (6);

5 (d) AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 22-2-402 (1); OR

7 (e) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
8 22-5-103 (2).

9 (15) "STATE-CERTIFIED LABORATORY" MEANS A LABORATORY  
10 THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 25-1.5-203 (1)(d) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING COMPETENT TESTING OF  
12 DRINKING WATER.

13 (16) "WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION" OR "COMMISSION"  
14 MEANS THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION  
15 25-8-201.

16 **25-8-902. School and child care clean drinking water fund -**  
17 **creation.** (1) THE SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CLEAN DRINKING WATER  
18 FUND IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

19 (2) THE FUND INCLUDES ANY MONEY THAT IS TRANSFERRED TO  
20 THE FUND AND ANY MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY  
21 APPROPRIATE TO THE FUND.

22 (3) MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE END OF EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR  
23 REMAINS IN THE FUND AND DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND;  
24 EXCEPT THAT ANY MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND ON JUNE 29, 2026,  
25 REVERTS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

26 (4) THE DEPARTMENT IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR  
27 AUDITING PURPOSES.

1 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND  
2 ONLY:

3 (a) TO HELP SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTERS, AND FAMILY CHILD  
4 CARE HOMES COMPLY WITH THIS PART 9; AND

5 (b) TO REIMBURSE ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTERS, AND  
6 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AS NEEDED FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
7 COMPLYING WITH THIS PART 9, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY:

8 (I) CHILD CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;

9 (II) ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS FOR WHICH TESTING RESULTS SHOW  
10 RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD; ==

11 (III) ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT ARE RECEIVING MONEY PURSUANT  
12 TO TITLE I OF THE FEDERAL "ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
13 ACT OF 1965", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 6301 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED; AND

14 (IV) ON AND AFTER MAY 31, 2024, ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT SERVE  
15 STUDENTS IN SIXTH, SEVENTH, OR EIGHTH GRADE.

16 (6) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
17 CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT EXPEND MONEY FROM THE  
18 FUND:

19 (a) TO REPLACE OR REPAIR ANY LEAD SERVICE LINE; OR

20 (b) TO REIMBURSE A CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE  
21 HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLYING  
22 WITH THIS PART 9 IF THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME,  
23 OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALREADY RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE FUND TO  
24 REIMBURSE THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR  
25 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL FOR A TEST OF EACH DRINKING WATER SOURCE, AS  
26 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-8-903 (1), AND:

27 (I) NONE OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH TESTING SHOWED THE

1 PRESENCE OF LEAD IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST FIVE PARTS PER BILLION;  
2 OR

3 (II) IF THE RESULTS OF SUCH TESTING SHOWED THE PRESENCE OF  
4 LEAD IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST FIVE PARTS PER BILLION, THE CHILD  
5 CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALSO  
6 RECEIVED REIMBURSEMENT FOR:

7 (A) ANY REMEDIATION EFFORTS PERFORMED IN RESPONSE TO SUCH  
8 TESTING; AND

9 (B) A CONFIRMATION TEST OF EACH DRINKING WATER SOURCE AT  
10 THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL,  
11 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-8-903 (2)(c).

12 **25-8-903. Testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in**  
13 **child care centers, family child care homes, and eligible schools -**  
14 **remediation - maintenance of records - training - inspections -**  
15 **enforcement - reimbursement - technical assistance - exemptions - opt**  
16 **out by family child care home - reports. (1) Testing. (a) (I) EXCEPT**  
17 **AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE**  
18 **MAY 31, 2023, EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AND**  
19 **ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL TEST ITS DRINKING WATER SOURCES BY HAVING**  
20 **A STATE-CERTIFIED LABORATORY MEASURE THE LEAD CONTENT OF WATER**  
21 **DRAWN FROM EACH DRINKING WATER SOURCE. THE TESTING MUST BE**  
22 **DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST FEDERAL GUIDANCE ON PROPER**  
23 **SAMPLING FOR TESTING FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER,**  
24 **INCLUDING THE "LEAD AND COPPER RULE" OF THE FEDERAL**  
25 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, 40 CFR 141 ET SEQ., AS**  
26 **AMENDED.**

27 **(II) AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL THAT SERVES STUDENTS IN SIXTH,**

1 SEVENTH, OR EIGHTH GRADE SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT  
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE MAY  
3 31, 2024.

4 (b) EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(V) OF THIS  
5 SECTION, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF A TEST  
6 OF A DRINKING WATER SOURCE, A CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD  
7 CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL:

8 (I) MAKE THE RESULTS, AS WELL AS ANY ASSOCIATED LEAD  
9 REMEDIATION PLANS, PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S,  
10 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE, IF  
11 APPLICABLE; AND

12 (II) REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
13 COMMISSION USING A STANDARD FORM THAT THE COMMISSION  
14 ESTABLISHES. THE COMMISSION SHALL POST THE RESULTS ON ITS PUBLIC  
15 WEBSITE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THEM.

16 (c) EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AND  
17 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL ESTABLISH A TESTING SCHEDULE FOR ITS  
18 DRINKING WATER SOURCES, PROVIDE THE SCHEDULE TO ITS EMPLOYEES  
19 AND TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN THAT ATTEND THE CHILD  
20 CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, AND  
21 MAKE THE SCHEDULE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
22 EMPLOYEES, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS MUST BE PROVIDED IN RELEVANT  
23 LANGUAGES.

24 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A  
25 TEMPLATE FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND  
26 ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS TO USE TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS AND POST  
27 INFORMATION ONLINE AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.



1           **(2) Remediation.** (a) IF THE RESULTS OF A TEST OF A DRINKING  
2 WATER SOURCE SHOW THAT WATER FROM THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE  
3 CONTAINS LEAD IN AN AMOUNT OF FIVE PARTS PER BILLION OR MORE, A  
4 CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL  
5 SHALL:

6           (I) SHUT OFF THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE AS SOON AS  
7 PRACTICABLY POSSIBLE;

8           (II) AFFIX A VISIBLE LABEL ON THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE,  
9 WHICH LABEL INDICATES THAT THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE IS  
10 UNDERGOING REMEDIATION FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD AND THAT WATER  
11 FROM THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE SHOULD NOT BE CONSUMED;

12           (III) DETERMINE REMEDIATION STEPS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER  
13 RECEIVING THE TEST RESULTS, WHICH REMEDIATION STEPS MUST BE  
14 DEMONSTRATED TO REDUCE LEAD TO BELOW FIVE PARTS PER BILLION AND  
15 MAY INCLUDE INSTALLATION OR REPLACEMENT OF A FILTRATION SYSTEM;

16           (IV) COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY REMEDIATION STEPS AS SOON AS  
17 POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE TEST  
18 RESULTS; AND

19           (V) PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE TEST RESULTS TO ALL EMPLOYEES,  
20 PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING  
21 THE RESULTS, WHICH NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED IN RELEVANT  
22 LANGUAGES AND INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE TEST RESULTS AND  
23 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE COMPLETE TEST  
24 RESULTS, A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REMEDIATION STEPS THAT WILL BE  
25 TAKEN, GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HEALTH EFFECTS AND  
26 RISKS POSED BY LEAD IN DRINKING WATER AND OTHER SOURCES, AND  
27 INFORMATION REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1 CONCERNING LEAD IN DRINKING WATER, INCLUDING HOW AND WHERE  
2 INDIVIDUALS MAY SEEK BLOOD-LEVEL TESTING IF THEY ARE CONCERNED.

3 (b) WHILE A CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR  
4 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IS IN THE PROCESS OF REMEDIATING A DRINKING WATER  
5 SOURCE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE  
6 SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT:

7 (I) NO ONE USES THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE TO ACQUIRE  
8 WATER FOR DRINKING OR COOKING; AND

9 (II) ADEQUATE DRINKING WATER REMAINS AVAILABLE TO  
10 CHILDREN, EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PRESENT IN  
11 THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.

12 (c) WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER A CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY  
13 CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY REMEDIATES A  
14 DRINKING WATER SOURCE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE  
15 HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL PERFORM A CONFIRMATION TEST OF  
16 THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD.

17 (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT FURTHER REMEDIATION AS  
18 NECESSARY TO ADDRESS A DRINKING WATER SOURCE AT A CHILD CARE  
19 CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.

20 (3) **Maintenance of records.** EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY  
21 CHILD CARE HOME, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN,  
22 FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, RECORDS OF ITS FILTER REPLACEMENT  
23 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING WHEN A FILTER IS REMOVED AND WHEN A NEW  
24 FILTER IS INSTALLED, AND ANY REMEDIATION EFFORTS, INCLUDING FAUCET  
25 REPLACEMENTS. EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME,  
26 AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS TO THE  
27 DEPARTMENT AND ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

1           **(4) Training.** NOT LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS  
2 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 9, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 PROVIDE TRAINING TO EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE  
4 HOME, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOL REGARDING WATER FILTER MAINTENANCE,  
5 FLUSHING PROTOCOLS, TESTING FOR LEAD, REPORTING PROCESSES FOR  
6 SAMPLING REPORTS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO COMPLIANCE  
7 WITH THIS PART 9. TRAINING MAY TAKE PLACE IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY  
8 AND MUST INCLUDE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL TAKE WATER SAMPLES AT  
9 THE CHILD CARE CENTER, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL  
10 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 9. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE  
11 TRAINING IN RELEVANT LANGUAGES.

12           **(5) Inspections.** THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PERFORM  
13 INSPECTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 9.

14           **(6) Enforcement.** THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION  
15 MAY ENFORCE THIS PART 9 BY ISSUING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND  
16 ASSESSING PENALTIES BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.

17           **(7) Reimbursement.** (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND  
18 IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES:

19           (I) WHEREBY CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES,  
20 AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS CAN SATISFACTORILY DEMONSTRATE COSTS  
21 INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THIS SECTION AND  
22 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SUCH COSTS; AND

23           (II) WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENT, EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN  
24 SECTION 25-8-902 (6), REIMBURSES CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD  
25 CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR THE  
26 PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THIS SECTION.

27           (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT REIMBURSE AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL THAT SERVES  
2 STUDENTS IN SIXTH, SEVENTH, OR EIGHTH GRADE UNTIL MAY 31, 2024,  
3 FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 (8) **Technical assistance.** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
6 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED TO CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY  
7 CHILD CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS TO HELP  
8 SUCH FACILITIES COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

9 (9) **Exemptions.** NOT WITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
10 SECTION TO THE CONTRARY:

11 (a) A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ESTABLISHED BEFORE MARCH 31,  
12 2023, MAY OPT OUT OF THE DUTY TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION SO LONG  
13 AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME  
14 PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH DECISION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OR  
15 BEFORE MARCH 31, 2023. A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ESTABLISHED ON  
16 OR AFTER MARCH 31, 2023, MAY OPT OUT OF THE DUTY TO COMPLY WITH  
17 THIS SECTION SO LONG AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
18 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH DECISION  
19 TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE UPON WHICH  
20 THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME IS ESTABLISHED.

21 (b) A CHILD CARE CENTER OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED  
22 TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF THE CHILD CARE  
23 CENTER OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IS CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM  
24 UNDER THE "LEAD AND COPPER RULE" OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
25 PROTECTION AGENCY, 40 CFR 141 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND THE CHILD  
26 CARE CENTER OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL RULE. HOWEVER, A CHILD CARE CENTER

1 OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL THAT UTILIZES THE EXEMPTION DESCRIBED IN THIS  
2 SUBSECTION (9)(b) SHALL, IN LIEU OF SATISFYING THE REPORTING  
3 REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION,  
4 REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION THE  
5 RESULTS OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S OR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL'S TESTING OF  
6 ITS DRINKING WATER SOURCES PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL RULE.

7 (10) **Reports.** (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND ON OR  
8 BEFORE EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
9 COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL  
10 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF  
12 THE SENATE, OR TO ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WHICH REPORT:

13 (I) SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS PERFORMED BY CHILD  
14 CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS  
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; AND

16 (II) IDENTIFIES ANY NONCOMPLIANT CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY  
17 CHILD CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.

18 (b) THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION SHALL PRESENT  
19 TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a)  
20 OF THIS SECTION TO THE PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN  
21 SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY  
22 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AT THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST.

23 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136  
24 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT DESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

26 **25-8-904. Report and recommendation regarding expansion**  
27 **required - legislative declaration.** (1) IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S

1 INTENT THAT, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS,  
2 THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS PART 9 CONCERNING THE TESTING  
3 AND REMEDIATION OF DRINKING WATER SOURCES IN ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS  
4 SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO APPLY TO SCHOOLS OTHER THAN THOSE  
5 SCHOOLS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, AND SUCH SCHOOLS SHOULD ALSO  
6 BE MADE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED IN  
7 COMPLYING WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS. TO THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT  
8 IS REQUIRED TO ADVISE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FORM OF THE  
9 REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 REPORT TO THE PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
12 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND  
13 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR TO ANY SUCCESSOR  
14 COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS  
15 PART 9. SPECIFICALLY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT:

16 (a) THE REMAINING BALANCE IN THE FUND AS OF THE DATE OF THE  
17 REPORT; AND

18 (b) AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF APPLYING THE REQUIREMENTS  
19 OF THIS PART 9 TO, AND MAKING ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE  
20 FUND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN COMPLYING WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS,  
21 SCHOOLS THAT SERVE ANY OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND THAT  
22 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.

23 **25-8-905. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 9 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
24 JUNE 30, 2026.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-32-150 as  
26 follows:

27 **22-32-150. Testing for the presence of lead in drinking water**

1 **in eligible schools - compliance with public health requirements -**  
2 **repeal.** (1) EACH ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-8-901 (4),  
3 AND EACH CHARTER SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS AN ELIGIBLE  
4 SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE  
5 8 OF TITLE 25 CONCERNING TESTING OF WATER IN CHILD CARE CENTERS,  
6 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.

7 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026.

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-30.5-529** as  
9 follows:

10 **22-30.5-529. Testing for the presence of lead in drinking water**  
11 **in eligible schools - compliance with public health requirements -**  
12 **repeal.** (1) EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS AN ELIGIBLE  
13 SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-8-901 (4), SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
14 REQUIREMENTS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 8 OF TITLE 25 CONCERNING TESTING  
15 OF WATER IN CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND  
16 ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.

17 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 26-6-123** as  
19 follows:

20 **26-6-123. Testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in**  
21 **child care centers and family child care homes - compliance with**  
22 **public health requirements - repeal.** (1) EACH CHILD CARE CENTER  
23 AND, UNLESS IT HAS OPTED OUT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-8-903 (1)(a),  
24 EACH FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
25 OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 8 OF TITLE 25 CONCERNING TESTING OF WATER IN  
26 CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND ELIGIBLE  
27 SCHOOLS.

1 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026.

2 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
3 year, \$2,648,019 is appropriated to the department of public health and  
4 environment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
5 this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

6 (a) \$673,286 for use by the drinking water program for personal  
7 services, which amount is based on an assumption that the program will  
8 require an additional 8.4 FTE;

9 (b) \$1,469,235 for use by the drinking water program for  
10 operating expenses; and

11 (c) \$505,498 for the purchase of information technology services.

12 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$505,498 is appropriated to  
13 the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.  
14 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the  
15 department of public health and environment under subsection (1)(c) of  
16 this section. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation  
17 to provide information technology services for the department of public  
18 health and environment.

19 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
20 year, \$21,000,000 is appropriated to the school and child care clean  
21 drinking water cash fund created in section 25-8-902, C.R.S. This  
22 appropriation is from the general fund. The department of public health  
23 and environment is responsible for the accounting related to this  
24 appropriation.

25 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$21,000,000 is appropriated  
26 to the department of public health and environment for use by the  
27 drinking water program. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds



1 in the school and child care clean drinking water cash fund under  
2 subsection (1) of this section. To implement this act, the program may use  
3 the appropriation for operating expenses.

4 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
11 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.