

HB 2643 -- LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Miller

This bill requires each school district to test each source of potable water in a public school building in that district serving students under first grade and constructed before 1996 for lead contamination. The water samples must be submitted to a Department of Health and Senior Services-approved laboratory and the results of such testing must be submitted to the department. If any of the samples tested exceed 15 parts per billion, the school district must notify the parents or guardians of enrolled students. If the samples tested are less than or equal to 15 parts per billion, the district may notify parents individually or on the school's website. The sampling and analysis must be completed by December 31, 2019. A school district may seek a waiver from these requirements from the department if the district has previously tested the building's potable water and submits those results to the department by December 31, 2018.

This bill is similar to SB 979 (2018).