

1 SB318
2 205872-1
3 By Senator Chesteen
4 RFD: Education Policy
5 First Read: 12-MAR-20

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require public K-12 schools
9 to install water bottle filling stations in school
10 facilities.

11 This bill would also require the State Board
12 of Education to adopt rules to implement and
13 enforce its provisions.

14
15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

18
19 Relating to public K-12 schools; to require public
20 K-12 schools to install water bottle filling stations in
21 school facilities; and to require the State Board of Education
22 to adopt rules to implement and enforce the provisions of the
23 bill.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section,
26 "water bottle filling station" means a water fountain that

1 allows clean filtered drinking water that has been cooled to
2 be dispensed into a bottle.

3 (b) This section applies to all of the following:

4 (1) Any existing public K-12 school facilities for
5 which otherwise applicable state or local building or plumbing
6 codes or state or local laws or regulations would require a
7 change in the amount of drinking water stations on or after
8 June 6, 2020.

9 (2) Public K-12 school facilities constructed after
10 June 6, 2020.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any otherwise applicable state
12 or local building or plumbing codes or state or local laws or
13 regulations that specifically pertain to the provision of
14 drinking water stations, beginning on January 1 following the
15 effective date of this act, facilities serving public K-12
16 schools as described in subsection (a) shall provide water
17 bottle filling stations as follows:

18 (1) At least one water bottle filling station for
19 each floor of the facility.

20 (2) At least one water bottle filling station in
21 each food service area, regardless of the number of students
22 served.

23 (3) At least one water bottle filling station for
24 each gymnasium.

25 (4) At least one water bottle filling station at
26 each outdoor learning area or activity area, including, but
27 not limited to, playgrounds and outdoor athletic facilities.

1 (d) Upon installation, a water bottle filling
2 station shall be regularly cleaned and maintained.

3 (e) No public K-12 school shall prohibit a student
4 from bringing a clear water bottle to school.

5 (f) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
6 for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
8 first day of the third month following its passage and
9 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.