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SENATE BILL No. 297

DIGEST OF SB 297 (Updated February 18, 2019 10:57 am - DI 55)

Citations Affected: IC 16-41; noncode.

Synopsis: Lead testing of school drinking water. Requires that the drinking water in every school building in East Chicago or Hammond be tested annually for compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.
February 19, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-41-21.1-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.127-2016,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. **(a)** Every school building shall be supplied with
4 safe, potable water from a public water system approved by the
5 commissioner of the department of environmental management in
6 accordance with IC 13-18-16.

7 **(b) The drinking water in every school building located in East**
8 **Chicago or Hammond shall be tested at least one (1) time in each**
9 **calendar year to determine whether the drinking water meets the**
10 **requirements of 40 CFR 141, Subpart I, the national primary**
11 **drinking water regulations for lead and copper.**

12 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] **(a) The general**
13 **assembly finds:**

14 **(1) that:**
15 **(A) the historic prevalence in East Chicago and Hammond**
16 **of heavy industry and of the environmental problems**
17 **associated with heavy industry, including lead**

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1 **contamination; and**
2 **(B) concerns arising from the fact that lead accumulates in**
3 **the human body, so that the risk of lead poisoning**
4 **increases with repeated exposures to lead;**
5 **create a special need to protect the school age children of East**
6 **Chicago and Hammond against exposure to lead through the**
7 **drinking water in school buildings; and**
8 **(2) that, for purposes of Article 4, Section 23 of the**
9 **Constitution of the State of Indiana, the case of**
10 **IC 16-41-21.1-2, as amended by this act, is one in which a**
11 **general law cannot be made applicable.**
12 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2020.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 297, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 7, delete "Lake" and insert "**East Chicago or Hammond**".

Page 1, line 8, delete "County".

Page 1, line 15, delete "Lake County" and insert "**East Chicago and Hammond**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "Lake County" and insert "**East Chicago and Hammond**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 297 as introduced.)

MESSMER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

