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To require lead testing in Department of Defense Education Activity schools,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE (for himself and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Activity schools, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LEAD TESTING IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **EDUCATION ACTIVITY SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD IN DRINKING
6 WATER.—

7 (1) TESTING REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall ensure that all covered schools are tested
9 for—

1 (A) the presence of lead-based paint; and

2 (B) the presence of lead in drinking water.

3 (2) STANDARDS.—In carrying out paragraph
4 (1), the Secretary shall ensure that tests are per-
5 formed in accordance with the guidance document
6 and testing protocol published by the Administrator
7 of the Environmental Protection Agency under sec-
8 tion 1464(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300j-24(b)).

10 (3) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than one day
11 after a test is carried out pursuant to this sub-
12 section in a covered school, the Secretary shall notify
13 of the results of the test—

14 (A) the parents or legal guardians of stu-
15 dents attending such covered school; and

16 (B) the employees of such covered school.

17 (b) LEAD MITIGATION.—

18 (1) ACTIVITIES REQUIRED.—The Secretary
19 shall undertake activities necessary to mitigate the
20 presence of lead in a covered school in which lead is
21 detected as a result of a test performed pursuant to
22 subsection (a).

23 (2) STANDARDS.—In carrying out paragraph
24 (1), the Secretary shall ensure mitigation is under-
25 taken in accordance with the requirements of De-

1 partment of Defense Education Activity Administra-
2 tive Instruction 6055.01 (or successor instruction).

3 (c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall—

4 (1) commence all actions required pursuant to
5 subsection (a) not later than 30 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act; and

7 (2) complete all actions required pursuant to
8 subsections (a) and (b) not later than two years
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
12 to the congressional defense committees a report con-
13 taining information on activities carried out under this
14 section, including—

15 (1) the number of covered schools tested for
16 lead-based paint;

17 (2) the number of covered schools tested for
18 lead in drinking water;

19 (3) for each covered school at which testing was
20 performed, the results of the testing;

21 (4) for each covered school at which testing was
22 not performed, an explanation for the failure to per-
23 form the testing; and

1 (5) for each covered school in which lead was
2 detected, the activities undertaken to mitigate the
3 presence of lead.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
6 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
7 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

8 (2) The term “covered school” means—

9 (A) a school owned or operated by the De-
10 partment of Defense Education Activity; or

11 (B) a school with which the Secretary has
12 entered into a contract or otherwise entered
13 into an arrangement to provide educational pro-
14 grams under—

15 (i) section 2164 of title 10, United
16 States Code; or

17 (ii) section 1402 of the Defense De-
18 pendents’ Education Act of 1978 (20
19 U.S.C. 921).

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