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H. R. 3423

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for drinking water fountain replacement in public playgrounds, parks, and libraries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. BUSH, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ESPALLAT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Drinking Water
5 in Public Playgrounds, Parks, and Libraries Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS, AND LIBRARIES.**

2 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Part F of the Safe Drinking
3 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21 et seq.) is amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 1466. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT IN**
6 **PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS, AND LIBRAR-**
7 **IES.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator
10 shall establish a grant program to provide assistance to
11 States and municipalities for the replacement, in play-
12 grounds, parks, or libraries owned by (or libraries located
13 in) States or municipalities, of drinking water fountains,
14 including any lead service line that supplies the fountains,
15 manufactured prior to 2014.

16 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds awarded under the
17 grant program—

18 “(1) shall be used to pay the costs of replacing
19 drinking water fountains, in playgrounds, parks, or
20 libraries owned by (or libraries located in) a State
21 or municipality receiving such funds, with plumbing
22 endpoint devices certified by a third party certifi-
23 cation body accredited by the ANSI National Ac-
24 creditation Board as meeting the NSF/ANSI/CAN
25 61: Q≤1 standard, and, for endpoint devices con-
26 nected to premises plumbing, with filters installed at

1 the point where water is dispensed from the device
2 and is certified as compliant with NSF Inter-
3 national/American National Standards Institute
4 (ANSI) Standard 53-2017, Drinking Water Treat-
5 ment Units - Health Effects published by NSF
6 International, and incorporates an integral perform-
7 ance indication device as specified in section 6.1 of
8 NSF/ANSI standard 53-2017, or any more stringent
9 requirements adopted thereafter;

10 “(2) may be used to pay the costs of monitoring
11 and reporting of lead levels in the drinking water of
12 playgrounds, parks, and libraries owned by (or li-
13 braries located in) a State or municipality receiving
14 such funds, as determined appropriate by the Ad-
15 ministrator; and

16 “(3) shall be used to pay the cost of replacing
17 lead service lines servicing the water fountains.

18 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding funds under the grant
19 program, the Administrator shall give priority to—

20 “(1) projects and activities that benefit an un-
21 derserved community or a disadvantaged community;
22 and

23 “(2) applications for projects that replace pre-
24 1988 water fountains.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

3 “(1) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

4 “(2) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

5 “(3) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

6 “(4) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

7 “(5) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.”.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1461 of the Safe Drink-
9 ing Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(8) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.—The term
12 ‘disadvantaged community’ has the meaning given
13 such term in section 1452(d)(3).

14 “(9) PLAYGROUND OR PARK.—The term ‘play-
15 ground or park’ means an indoor or outdoor park,
16 building, site, or other facility, including any parking
17 lot appurtenant thereto, that is intended for recre-
18 ation purposes.

19 “(10) UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—The term
20 ‘underserved community’ has the meaning given
21 such term in section 1459A.

22 “(11) LIBRARY.—The term ‘library’ includes—

23 “(A) a public library;

24 “(B) a public elementary school or sec-
25 ondary school library;

1 “(C) a tribal library;

2 “(D) an academic library;

3 “(E) a research library, which, for pur-
4 poses of this subchapter means a library that—

5 “(i) makes publicly available library
6 services and materials suitable for schol-
7 arly research that are not otherwise avail-
8 able to the public; and

9 “(ii) is not an integral part of an in-
10 stitution of higher education; and

11 “(F) a private library or other special li-
12 brary, but only if the State in which the private
13 or special library is located determines that the
14 library should be considered a library for pur-
15 poses of this part.”.

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