

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4908

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide assistance to schools to replace drinking water fountains that may contain lead, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2018

Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, and Mrs. BUSTOS) 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. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT**
4 **FOR SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part F of the Safe Drinking
6 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21 et seq.) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 1465. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT**
2 **FOR SCHOOLS.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this section, the Adminis-
5 trator shall establish a grant program to provide assist-
6 ance to local educational agencies for the replacement of
7 drinking water fountains manufactured prior to 1988.

8 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds awarded under the
9 grant program—

10 “(1) shall be used to pay the costs of replace-
11 ment of drinking water fountains in schools; and

12 “(2) may be used to pay the costs of monitoring
13 and reporting of lead levels in the drinking water of
14 schools of a local educational agency receiving such
15 funds, as determined appropriate by the Adminis-
16 trator.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 not more than \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
20 through 2023.”.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1461 of the Safe Drink-
22 ing Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (2)—

24 (A) by inserting “or drinking water foun-
25 tain” after “drinking water cooler” each place
26 it appears; and

1 (B) by inserting “or fountain” after “the
2 cooler”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (5), by inserting “or drinking
4 water fountain” after “water cooler” each place it
5 appears.

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