

ACT No. 363

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:100.13, relative to public school buildings; to require installation of water bottle filling stations in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The legislature finds that water consumption:

- (1) Plays an important role in maintaining a child's overall health.
- (2) Can positively impact children's cognitive performance.
- (3) Can improve children's fine motor skills.
- (4) Can help people maintain a healthier weight.

Section 2. R.S. 17:100.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§100.13. Public school buildings; water bottle filling stations

A.(1) Any new school building and any existing school building that undergoes a major plumbing renovation shall include the following:

(a) At least one water bottle filling station per two hundred people projected to occupy the school building.

(b) At least one water bottle filling station on each floor of the school building.

(c) At least one water bottle filling station located near all cafeterias, gymnasiums, outdoor recreation spaces, and other high-traffic areas.

(2) A city, parish, or other local public school board may install more filling stations than provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as deemed appropriate.

(3) Plans for an existing school building may include retrofitting existing drinking fountains into water bottle filling stations.

1 B. For purposes of this Section:

2 (1) "Water bottle filling station" means a water dispenser, accessible to all
3 people in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, that
4 dispenses clean drinking water directly into a bottle or other drinking container. A
5 water bottle filling station shall be considered a drinking fountain for purposes of the
6 International Plumbing Code, as incorporated within the State Uniform Construction
7 Code.

8 (2) A "major plumbing renovation" to an existing school building means the
9 replacement, repair, alteration, or upgrade of water systems or fixtures within an
10 existing facility, which involves more than fifty percent of the fixtures in the facility,
11 even if such renovation does not include any structural change to the facility. Such
12 renovation shall not include repairs done as a result of damages from a natural
13 disaster.

14 Section 3. R.S. 17:100.13 as enacted by this Act is applicable to all newly
15 constructed public school buildings for which construction commences on or after
16 August 31, 2021, and to any existing public school building undergoing a major renovation
17 that commences on or after August 31, 2021.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____