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Requires newly constructed public school buildings (or undergoing major renovations) be equipped with water bottle filling stations

Proposed legislation requires that each new public school building and each existing public school building that undergoes a major renovation include at least one water bottle filling station per one hundred people projected to occupy the building and at least one water bottle filling station on each floor of the school building. Proposed law allows city, parish, or other local public school boards to require more filling stations as deemed appropriate. Proposed law allows schools to retrofit existing drinking fountains into water bottle filling stations to meet this requirement. Proposed law defines "major renovation" as any change that provides significant opportunities for substantial improvement including, but not limited to, structural changes to the foundation, roof, floor, interior or exterior walls; extension of an existing facility to increase its floor area; and extensive alteration of an existing facility, such as a change in its function or purpose, even if such renovation does not include any structural change to the facility.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an indeterminable increase in expenditures for local school districts to purchase and install water bottle filling stations in new school buildings and existing school buildings undergoing a major renovation. Costs will vary by district depending on the number, size, and timing of capital projects and whether such projects would otherwise have included the addition of water bottle filling stations but for the proposed measure.

The proposed legislation will require new school buildings and major renovations to include at least one water bottle filling station per 100 projected occupants and at least one filling station per floor. Although this requirement is similar to the current Louisiana Plumbing Code, which requires one drinking fountain per three classrooms, but no fewer than one per floor, it will result in added costs to the extent districts need to revise and expand the scope of capital projects to accommodate additional water bottle filling stations.

The cost of purchasing water bottle filling stations ranges from \$500 to retrofit a traditional water fountain, and between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for a new station. Installation costs will vary based on project scope and existing facilities. For example, installation costs included in the construction of a new school building are comparable to the cost of installing a traditional drinking fountain. However, retrofitting a traditional water fountain may involve additional plumbing and electrical work as well as the reconfiguration of existing wall space in order to accommodate the new water bottle filling station.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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