
DIGEST

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HB 132 Reengrossed

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Pierre

Abstract: Requires installation of water bottle filling stations in new public school buildings and existing school buildings undergoing major plumbing renovations.

Proposed law requires installation of water bottle filling stations at a new public school building and an existing public school building that undergoes a major plumbing renovation. Applies to construction and major plumbing renovations that commence on or after Aug. 31, 2021.

Proposed law defines "water bottle filling station" as a water dispenser, accessible to all people in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, that dispenses clean drinking water directly into a bottle or other drinking container. Provides such station counts as a "drinking fountain" as provided in the State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law defines "major plumbing renovation" as changes to an existing school building that replace, repair, alter, or upgrade water systems or fixtures.

(Adds R.S. 17:100.13)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Further define a "water bottle filling station" as a "drinking fountain" for purposes of the La. Building Code.
2. Replace criteria triggering applicability of proposed law from a "major renovation" to a "major plumbing renovation".

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add requirement for filling stations in additional locations.
2. Reduce number of required filling stations based on number of building occupants.