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A RESOLUTION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

SCHOOLS: Creates a pilot program for drinking water testing in schools

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are
3	necessary to establish a pilot program for drinking water testing at elementary
4	schools and to report findings and outcomes of the program to the legislative
5	committees on health and welfare.
6	WHEREAS, an unacceptable number of public health emergencies resulting from
7	unsafe drinking water have occurred in recent years in Louisiana and other states; and
8	WHEREAS, improving the processes by which this state ensures the safety of
9	drinking water, including water testing, is an urgent public health priority; and
10	WHEREAS, young children are particularly susceptible to suffering adverse health
11	effects from exposure to contaminants in drinking water.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
14	to take such actions as are necessary to establish a pilot program for drinking water testing
15	at elementary schools which comports with the requirements and specifications provided in
16	this Resolution.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall select
18	for the pilot program twelve public elementary schools with buildings which were built prior
19	to 1986, or which may otherwise be susceptible to drinking water contamination, at which
20	to conduct drinking water testing through the pilot program.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health of the Louisiana 2 Department of Health shall conduct drinking water testing on a schedule determined by the 3 state health officer in each school selected for the pilot program. 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state health officer shall select the drinking 5 water quality standards for which the office of public health shall test such that the testing 6 is accomplished in a cost-neutral manner. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall 8 operate the pilot program in a manner which incurs no additional cost to the department. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report 10 findings and outcomes of the pilot program to the House and Senate committees on health 11 and welfare on or before December 31 annually. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot program provided for in this Resolution 13 shall terminate on January 1, 2021. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 15 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, to the president of the Louisiana State 16 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to the state superintendent of education.

## DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health to take such actions as are necessary to establish a pilot program for drinking water testing at elementary schools and to report findings and outcomes of the program to the legislative committees on health and welfare.