

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Requires newly constructed public school buildings and those undergoing major renovations to be equipped with water bottle filling stations

1 AN ACT

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

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. The legislature finds that water consumption:

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

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

11 §100.13. Public school buildings; water bottle filling stations

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

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

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

18 (c) A city, parish, or other local public school board may require more filling
19 stations than provided in Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph, as deemed
20 appropriate.

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

3 B. For purposes of this Section:

4 (1) "Water bottle filling station" means a water dispenser, accessible to all
5 people in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, that
6 dispenses clean drinking water directly into a bottle or other drinking container.

7 (2) A "major renovation" to an existing school building means changes that
8 provide significant opportunities for substantial improvement including but not
9 limited to a structural change to the foundation, roof, floor, or interior or exterior
10 walls or extension of an existing facility to increase its floor area, or an extensive
11 alteration of an existing facility, such as a change in its function or purpose, even if
12 such renovation does not include any structural change to the facility.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires installation of water bottle filling stations in new public school buildings and existing school buildings undergoing major 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 renovation. Applies to construction and major 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.

Proposed law defines "major renovation" as changes to an existing school building that provide significant opportunities for substantial improvement or an extensive alteration.

(Adds R.S. 17:100.13)