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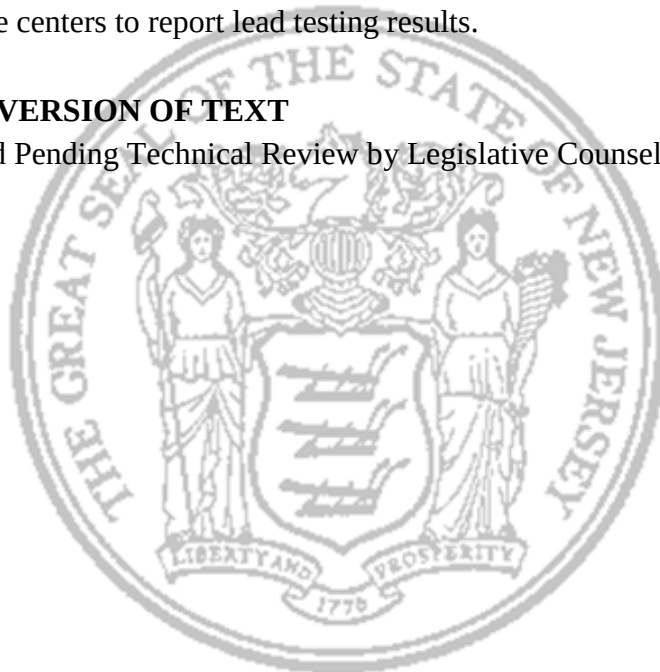
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE and DCF to establish online reporting systems for schools and child care centers to report lead testing results.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning lead in drinking water at schools and child care
2 centers and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes
3 and P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the
9 Department of Education shall establish an online reporting system
10 that allows a school to submit the results of any tests it has
11 conducted for lead in drinking water and other related information
12 to the department electronically.

13 b. Within 90 days after the establishment of the online
14 reporting system pursuant to subsection a. of this section, any
15 school that was required by law, rule, or regulation, on or after July
16 1, 2016, to test its drinking water for lead shall submit or resubmit
17 its test results and other required information to the department via
18 the online reporting system. The department shall compile the test
19 results and other relevant information on its Internet website for
20 access by the public in an easily-searchable format.
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22 2. a. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the
23 Department of Children and Families shall establish an online
24 reporting system that allows a child care center to submit the results
25 of any tests it has conducted for lead in drinking water and other
26 related information to the department electronically.

27 b. Within 90 days after the establishment of the online
28 reporting system pursuant to subsection a. of this section, any child
29 care center that was required by law, rule, or regulation, on or after
30 January 1, 2017, to test its drinking water for lead shall submit or
31 resubmit its test results and any other required information to the
32 department via the online reporting system. The department shall
33 compile the test results and other relevant information on its
34 Internet website for access by the public in an easily-searchable
35 format.
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37 3. Within two years after the effective date of this act, the
38 Department of Education and the Department of Children and
39 Families, in consultation with the Department of Environmental
40 Protection, shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor and,
41 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the
42 Legislature, outlining the extent of lead contamination in the
43 drinking water of schools and child care centers, the associated
44 need for assistance with remediation activities, and
45 recommendations for how the State could assist schools and child
46 care centers with remediating lead in drinking water. The
47 Department of Education and the Department of Children and
48 Families shall post the report on their respective Internet websites.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill would require, within one year after the bill is enacted into
7 law, the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of
8 Children and Families (DCF) to establish online reporting systems for
9 schools and child care centers to report lead testing results
10 electronically. In July 2016, the State Board of Education adopted
11 regulations requiring every school in the State to test for lead in
12 drinking water. Shortly thereafter, in January 2017, the DCF adopted
13 regulations requiring each child care facility in the State to test for lead
14 in drinking water.

15 Under the bill, within 90 days after establishment of the databases
16 required by the bill, each school and child care center that was
17 required pursuant to law or regulation to test for lead would be
18 required to submit or resubmit its test results and any other required
19 information via the online reporting system. The DOE and the DCF
20 would be required to compile the test results on their respective
21 Internet websites for access by the public.

22 The bill also would require, within two years after the bill is
23 enacted into law, the DOE and the DCF, in consultation with the
24 Department of Environmental Protection, to prepare and submit a
25 report to the Governor and the Legislature outlining the extent of lead
26 contamination in the drinking water of schools and child care centers,
27 the associated need for assistance with remediation activities, and
28 recommendations for how the State can assist schools and child care
29 centers with remediating lead in drinking water.