

**HB0270/690012/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 270

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and M. Washington” and substitute “M. Washington, Hayes, Ali, Ebersole, Mosby, Turner, and Wilkins”; in line 5, after “Education,” insert “the Department of General Services, and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health,”; in lines 5 and 6, strike “on or before a certain date” and substitute “under certain circumstances”; in line 7, after “building;” insert “requiring the Department of the Environment, before adopting certain regulations, to gather information about certain testing processes, protocols, and efforts to establish safe and lead-free school environments;”; and in line 12, after “date;” insert “requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a certain stakeholder group to provide advice and make recommendations regarding the development of certain regulations;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, strike “OR POTENTIALLY USED”; in line 27, after “(B)” insert “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**”; and in line 28, after “EDUCATION” insert “**, THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, AND MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**”.

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

**“(2) BEFORE ADOPTING THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE TESTING PROCESSES, PROTOCOLS, AND EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY EACH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH A SAFE AND LEAD-FREE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING WHETHER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM OR SCHOOL HAS A PLAN FOR TESTING AND, IF APPROPRIATE, REMEDIAL MEASURES.”;**

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in line 5, strike “**JANUARY**” and substitute “**JULY**”; after line 5, insert:

**“(2) PHASE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIRED TESTING BEGINNING WITH:**

**(I) SCHOOL BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1988; AND**

**(II) SCHOOL BUILDINGS SERVING STUDENTS IN A PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OR ANY GRADE FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5;**

in lines 6, 8, 9, and 14, strike “**(2)**”, “**(3)**”, “**(4)**”, and “**(6)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(3)**”, “**(4)**”, “**(6)**”, and “**(7)**”, respectively; after line 8, insert:

**“(5) ADDRESS BEST PRACTICES AND COST-EFFECTIVE TESTING;”;**

in line 10, after “**DEPARTMENT;**” insert “**AND**”; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 13, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “**AND**” and substitute “**OR**”; in line 14, after “**(1)**” insert “**(I)**”; in line 17, strike “**(2)**” and substitute “**(II)**”; in line 18, after “**BUILDING**” insert “**;**”

**(2) (I) STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ANY DRINKING WATER OUTLET; AND**

**(II) BOTTLED WATER IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF WATER FOR DRINKING OR FOOD PREPARATION IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING;**

**(3) A PLAN IS IN PLACE FOR TESTING THE DRINKING WATER OUTLETS AND ADDRESSING ANY ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD IN A DRINKING WATER OUTLET IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING IN A MANNER THAT SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; OR**

**(4) THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS:**

**(I) COMPLETED COMPREHENSIVE LEAD TESTING OF THE DRINKING WATER FROM PLUMBING FIXTURES; AND**

**(II) A COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING PROGRAM TO ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER IN ITS SCHOOLS”;**

after line 27, insert:

**“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

**(a) The Department of the Environment shall establish a stakeholder group to provide advice and make recommendations regarding the development of the regulations required under § 6-1502 of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.**

**(b) The stakeholder group established under subsection (a) of this section shall include representatives of:**

**(1) advocates;**

**(2) county school systems;**

**(3) private schools;**

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- (4) the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;
- (5) the Public School Superintendents of Maryland; and
- (6) other State agencies.”;

and in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.