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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Baltimore City Public School Buildings - Drinking Water**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, in Baltimore City, on or before ~~the start of the~~
4 ~~2005-2006 school year~~ a certain date, the Baltimore City Board of School
5 Commissioners shall ensure that the drinking water in school buildings under
6 its jurisdiction ~~is lead-free~~ has a lead concentration level that is as low as
7 practicable but in no event exceeds a certain level ~~is safe from lead in~~
8 accordance with certain federal standards and otherwise meets the standards
9 under certain drinking water regulations adopted by the Secretary of the
10 Environment; and generally relating to drinking water in Baltimore City public
11 school buildings.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Education

14 Section 7-418

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 7-418.

3 IN BALTIMORE CITY, ON OR BEFORE ~~THE START OF THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR~~
4 DECEMBER 31, 2005, THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
5 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DRINKING WATER IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING UNDER ITS
6 JURISDICTION:

7 (1) ~~IS LEAD FREE HAS A LEAD CONCENTRATION LEVEL THAT IS AS LOW~~
8 AS PRACTICABLE BUT IN NO EVENT EXCEEDS 15 PARTS PER BILLION IS SAFE FROM
9 LEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS GOVERNING THE PRESENCE OF
10 LEAD IN DRINKING WATER; AND

11 (2) OTHERWISE MEETS THE STANDARDS UNDER THE STATE PRIMARY
12 DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE
13 ENVIRONMENT UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2005.