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S.B. No. 546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the quality of water provided by public drinking water supply systems to state supported living centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 555, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 555.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 555.026. DRINKING WATER QUALITY: TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GUIDANCE ON LEAD AND COPPER TESTING. To ensure the quality of water provided by public drinking water supply systems to state supported living centers, the department or its successor agency, with guidance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, shall:

(1) develop:

(A) a testing plan and monitoring strategy;

(B) outreach and educational materials for distribution to residents and department staff;

(C) requirements for using an accredited laboratory and sample chain of custody procedures; and

(D) guidance for compliance with the federal lead and copper rules (40 C.F.R. Part 141, Subpart I);

(2) review:

(A) public notification procedures to staff, residents, and visitors regarding water quality;

(B) sampling protocols and procedures;

- 1                   (C) locations of taps used for monitoring;  
2                   (D) analytical data on lead or copper levels  
3 exceeding the applicable action level;  
4                   (E) remediation activities; and  
5                   (F) customer service inspection reports;  
6           (3) compile a list of qualified customer service  
7 inspectors; and  
8           (4) perform:  
9                   (A) on-site training and evaluation of sampling;  
10 and  
11                   (B) on-site evaluation of customer service  
12 inspections through licensed customer service inspectors.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.