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S.B. No. 546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the quality of water provided by public drinking water
3 supply systems to state supported living centers.

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

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

7 Sec. 555.026. DRINKING WATER QUALITY: COOPERATION WITH
8 TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. To ensure the quality
9 of water provided by public drinking water supply systems to state
10 supported living centers, the department or its successor agency,
11 in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,
12 shall:

13 (1) develop:

14 (A) a testing plan and monitoring strategy;

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

17 (C) requirements for laboratory accreditation
18 and sample chain of custody procedures; and

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

21 (2) review:

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

24 (B) sampling protocols and procedures;

- 1 (C) locations of taps used for monitoring;
2 (D) noncompliant lead and copper analytical
3 data;
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.

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.