

Legislative Analysis



ADDITIONAL WATER SAMPLING FROM NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

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House Bill 4378 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4378 would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a supplier of water to a nonpublic school to collect and analyze water samples from drinking water faucets at that school.

The bill would require any entity that supplies water to a nonpublic school in Michigan to collect water samples from the school at least once every 3 years. This would be in addition to the sampling and analysis of water required under Section 7 of the act. The supplier would then have those samples analyzed according to the standards set out in Section 7 for the presence of lead and all other contaminants where there is a state drinking water standard.

The results of the analysis would be provided to both the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the nonpublic school the samples were collected from.

Nonpublic school would mean a private, denominational, or parochial school, as it is defined in Section 5 of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.5).

Proposed MCL 325.1007c

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4378 would not affect costs or revenues for the Department of Environmental Quality. The suppliers required to sample drinking water provided to schools have the option to use the state lab to test their respective samples but are not required to do so; samples may also be tested by certified non-state labs.

The bill would increase costs for local units of government that also own or operate water supplies. These suppliers would be required to collect periodic drinking water samples and have these samples tested in order to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The number of samples would vary by supplier, so the extent of this cost increase is unclear. The bill is unlikely to affect local government revenues.

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