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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to the water dispensed within public schools

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     1110 to read as follows:  
3     S 1110. REPORT. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER  
4     OF EDUCATION, SHALL CAUSE TO BE PREPARED AND SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT  
5     BASED ON ANY FINDINGS FROM THE ANNUAL LEAD-COPPER TAP WATER TESTING  
6     CONDUCTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO  
7     THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED NINE-L OF THE EDUCATION LAW. SUCH  
8     REPORT SHALL BE SENT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND SHALL BE MADE  
9     AVAILABLE TO THE PARENTS AND PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION OF ANY CHILD  
10    ATTENDING THE AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
11    SUCH SECTION FOUR HUNDRED NINE-L.  
12    S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1102 of the public health law, as  
13    amended by chapter 655 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as  
14    follows:  
15    1. If any inspection discloses a violation of any rule or regulation  
16    promulgated pursuant to section one thousand one hundred of this [chap-  
17    ter] TITLE relating to a temporary or permanent source or act of contam-  
18    ination OR A FINDING OF CONTAMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED  
19    NINE-L OF THE EDUCATION LAW, the person, officer, board, or commission  
20    having the management and control of the potable water supply of the  
21    municipality, state or United States institution, park, reservation or  
22    post, and in the city of New York, the commissioner of environmental

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 protection, and the board of water supply of the city of New York, or  
2 the corporation furnishing such supply shall cause a copy of the rule or  
3 regulation violated to be served upon the person violating the same,  
4 with a notice of such violation. If the person served does not comply  
5 immediately with the rule or regulation violated, such person, officer,  
6 board, corporation or commission, except in a case concerning the  
7 violation of a rule or regulation relating to a temporary or permanent  
8 source or act of contamination affecting the potable water supply of the  
9 city of New York, shall notify the department of the violation.

10 S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-1 to  
11 read as follows:

12 S 409-L. SCHOOL LEAD-COPPER TAP WATER TESTING. 1. THE COMMISSIONER,  
13 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL REQUIRE SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICTS TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL SCHOOL LEAD-COPPER TAP WATER TESTING TO  
15 MONITOR FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING IN SUCH DISTRICT.  
16 EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF SUCH TESTING TO THE  
17 COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY OF SUCH RESULTS TO  
18 THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, TAP WATER  
19 SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONTAMINATED IF SUCH TAP WATER EXCEEDS THE LEAD OR  
20 COPPER ACTION LEVEL BASED ON FIRST-DRAW TAP SAMPLES AS PROVIDED IN RULES  
21 AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION TWO  
22 HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. WHERE A FINDING OF CONTAMINATION  
23 IS MADE, THE AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL:

24 (A) CONTINUE TESTING EVERY SIX MONTHS UNTIL TEST RESULTS INDICATE  
25 ACCEPTABLE LEAD AND COPPER LEVELS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION TWO  
26 HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW;

27 (B) PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE, POTABLE WATER  
28 FOR DRINKING AS REQUIRED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
29 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION TWO HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW UNTIL  
30 FUTURE TESTS INDICATE ACCEPTABLE LEVELS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION TWO  
31 HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW;

32 (C) PROVIDE PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THE AFFECTED SCHOOL WITH:

33 (I) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS;

34 (II) CONFIRMATION OF STUDENTS ACCESS TO AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE,  
35 POTABLE WATER FOR DRINKING;

36 (III) NOTIFICATION OF WHEN THE NEXT SCHEDULED TAP WATER TESTING WILL  
37 OCCUR; AND

38 (IV) NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF  
39 LEAD EXPOSURE TO STUDENTS; AND

40 (D) PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER WITH NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S  
41 INVESTIGATION AS TO THE SOURCE OF LEAD EXPOSURE IN THE WATER AND THE  
42 DISTRICT'S PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF LEAD EXPOSURE TO STUDENTS.

43 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "WRITTEN NOTIFICATION" SHALL MEAN AND  
44 INCLUDE NOTICE IN WRITING THAT IS PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF,  
45 PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION TO STUDENTS; OR DELIVERED TO A  
46 RECEPTACLE DESIGNATED FOR THAT STUDENT OR STAFF; OR MAILED TO THE  
47 STUDENT'S OR STAFF'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS; OR DELIVERED BY ANY OTHER  
48 REASONABLE METHODS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

49 3. SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ANNUAL LEAD-COP-  
50 PER TAP WATER TESTING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT THOSE SCHOOL  
51 BUILDINGS WITHIN THE DISTRICT (A) BUILT WITHOUT THE USE OF LEAD PIPING;  
52 OR (B) WHERE A FINDING OF NO CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A PERIOD OF  
53 THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

54 S 4. This act shall take effect September 1, 2015.