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# H. R. 4879

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to condition a State's receipt of funds for a drinking water treatment revolving loan fund on such State carrying out a program to test for lead in drinking water for schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2016

Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Transparent Environ-  
5 ment in School Testing for Lead Act" or the "TEST for  
6 Lead Act".

1 **SEC. 2. TESTING FOR LEAD IN DRINKING WATER FOR**  
2 **SCHOOLS.**

3 Section 1464(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 300j-24(d)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
6 following:

7 “(1) PROGRAMS TO TEST LEAD CONTAMINA-  
8 TION IN SCHOOLS.—To be eligible to receive funds  
9 under section 1452, a State (as defined in section  
10 1401(13)(A)), shall carry out a program, consistent  
11 with this section, to assist local educational agencies  
12 in testing for lead contamination in drinking water  
13 from sources of lead contamination at schools under  
14 the jurisdiction of such agencies.”;

15 (2) by striking paragraph (3);

16 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
17 graph (3);

18 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 “(2) TESTING REQUIREMENTS.—A program  
21 carried out under paragraph (1) shall require testing  
22 of drinking water, including testing of water from  
23 faucets used for food preparation, sinks in lava-  
24 tories, and drinking water coolers, for lead—

25 “(A) at schools built prior to 1996, at least  
26 biannually; and

1           “(B) at schools built in 1996 or after, at  
2           least annually.”; and

3           (5) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated by para-  
4           graph (3) of this section)—

5           (A) by striking “A copy” and inserting:

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A copy”;

7           (B) by inserting “under a program carried  
8           out” before “under paragraph (1)”; and

9           (C) by adding at the end the following:

10           “(B) EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION.—If a  
11           level of lead that exceeds a lead action level, as  
12           identified by the Environmental Protection  
13           Agency, is discovered in drinking water at a  
14           school pursuant to testing under a program car-  
15           ried out under paragraph (1), the local edu-  
16           cational agency with jurisdiction over such  
17           school shall notify parents, the Administrator,  
18           and the State of such elevated lead level not  
19           later than 48 hours after such discovery.”.

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