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H. R. 4805

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to make grants to States to assist local educational agencies in voluntary installation and maintenance of filtration stations at schools and child care programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. EVANS, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. MENG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to make grants to States to assist local educational agencies in voluntary installation and maintenance of filtration stations at schools and child care programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Safe School Drinking
5 Water Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR INSTALLATION OF FILTRA-**
2 **TION STATIONS AT SCHOOLS AND CHILD**
3 **CARE PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 1464 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300j-24) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(e) GRANT PROGRAM FOR INSTALLATION AND
8 MAINTENANCE OF FILTRATION STATIONS.—

9 “(1) PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall es-
10 tablish a program to make grants to States to assist
11 local educational agencies in voluntary installation
12 and maintenance of filtration stations at schools and
13 child care programs under the jurisdiction of the
14 local educational agencies.

15 “(2) DIRECT GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
16 AGENCIES.—The Administrator may make a grant
17 described in paragraph (1) directly available to—

18 “(A) any local educational agency de-
19 scribed in clause (i) or (iii) of subsection
20 (d)(1)(B) located in a State that does not par-
21 ticipate in the program established under para-
22 graph (1); or

23 “(B) any local educational agency de-
24 scribed in clause (ii) of subsection (d)(1)(B).

1 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants made under the
2 program established under this subsection may be
3 used to pay the costs of—

4 “(A) installation and maintenance of filtra-
5 tion stations at schools and child care pro-
6 grams; and

7 “(B) annual testing of drinking water at
8 such schools and child care programs following
9 the installation of filtration stations.

10 “(4) PRIORITY.—In making grants under the
11 program established under this subsection, the Ad-
12 ministrator shall give priority to States and local
13 educational agencies that will assist in voluntary in-
14 stallation and maintenance of filtration stations at
15 schools and child care programs that are in low-in-
16 come areas.

17 “(5) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
19 Administrator shall establish guidance to carry out
20 the program established under this subsection.

21 “(6) NO PRIOR TESTING REQUIRED.—The pro-
22 gram established under this subsection shall not re-
23 quire testing for lead contamination in drinking
24 water at schools and child care programs prior to
25 participation in such program.

1 “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) CHILD CARE PROGRAM AND LOCAL
3 EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The terms ‘child care
4 program’ and ‘local educational agency’ have
5 the meaning given such terms in subsection (d).

6 “(B) FILTRATION STATION.—The term
7 ‘filtration station’ means an apparatus that—

8 “(i) is connected to building plumb-
9 ing;

10 “(ii) is certified to the latest version
11 of NSF/ANSI 53 for lead reduction and
12 NSF/ANSI 42 for particulate reduction
13 (Class I) by a certification body accredited
14 by the American National Standards Insti-
15 tute National Accreditation Board;

16 “(iii) has an indicator to show filter
17 performance;

18 “(iv) can fill bottles or containers for
19 water consumption; and

20 “(v) allows users to drink directly
21 from a stream of flowing water.

22 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
23 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out

- 1 this subsection \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years
- 2 2022 through 2031.”.

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