

Clean Water for Our School Act

Fiscal Note

State Government Impact

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for this bill, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

However, there would be a cost to General Revenue-Dedicated Water Resource Management Account No. 153 of \$8.9 million in the biennium ending August 31, 2021 and a significant cost to local entities.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Education Agency, it is estimated that the local cost to test all of the potable water sources would be \$2,000 to \$3,000 per building if a third-party vendor is required. Accordingly, the costs for testing all potable water sources in all human occupied buildings in all Texas public schools would range from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 per year. Annual costs may decrease after consistent quality testing results are generated for certain campuses and other locations, indicating less frequent testing is required for those locations. Additionally, public and private school and child care facilities would incur costs related to installing and maintaining filters on all drinking water supplies which is estimated to be approximately \$1,000 per campus or other facility per year for all 11,000 campuses and other facilities accessed by students for a total of \$11,000,000 per year.