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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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A N A C T

RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - LEAD AND COPPER DRINKING WATER
PROTECTION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Shekarchi, Handy, Carson, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: April 29, 2016

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-12.8-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-12.8 entitled "Water
2 Projects Revolving Loan Fund" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **46-12.8-6. Authorization to expend funds available for local grants. --** In addition to
4 the financial assistance provided by the agency to local governmental units and private water
5 companies for approved projects in accordance with this chapter, the department is hereby
6 authorized to expend funds otherwise available for grants to local governmental units and private
7 water companies to the extent permitted by federal and state law. The department is authorized
8 and directed to expend funds from its portion of federal capitalization grants to conduct baseline
9 testing of the drinking water supply systems of each local governmental unit responsible for the
10 ownership or operation of water supply facilities within the state or privately organized water
11 suppliers, which provide drinking water to more than one municipality, for compliance with all
12 state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to lead and copper levels in drinking water
13 supplies. The department is further authorized and directed to expend funds from its portion of
14 federal capitalization grants to conduct testing of water supplies at all public schools serving
15 students from pre-K to grade 12 and state licensed daycare facilities in the state of Rhode Island
16 for compliance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to lead and copper
17 levels in drinking water supplies. The department shall report its findings to the speaker of the
18 house and senate president by April 30, 2017, which report shall include a plan for ensuring

1 [compliance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to lead and copper](#)
2 [levels in drinking water supplies.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would direct the department of health to use funds from federal capitalization
2 grants to conduct baseline copper and lead testing the water supply systems of each local
3 government as well as in public schools and licensed daycare facilities.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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