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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Allow School Boards To Adopt  
a Policy for Lead Testing in Schools'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

**20. Lead testing.** A school board may adopt a policy governing testing for lead in school drinking water and abating or mitigating lead in school drinking water.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 389, §1, is further amended to read:

A. To make loans to school administrative units for school repair and renovation.

(1) The following repair and renovation needs receive Priority 1 status:

(a) Repair or replacement of a roof on a school building;

(b) Bringing a school building into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 United States Code, Section 12101 et seq.;

(c) Improving air quality in a school building;

(d) Removing or abating hazardous materials in a school building, including, but not limited to, water lead abatement or mitigation; and

(f) Undertaking other health, safety and compliance repairs, including installations or improvements necessary to increase school facility security.

(2) Repairs and improvements related to a school building structure, windows and doors and water or septic systems, other than water lead abatement or mitigation, receive Priority 2 status.

(3) Repairs and improvements related to energy and water conservation receive Priority 3 status.

(4) Upgrades of learning spaces in school buildings receive Priority 4 status.

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(5) The Commissioner of Education may approve other necessary repairs;

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## **SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It provides that school boards may adopt a policy governing testing for lead in school drinking water and abating or mitigating lead in school drinking water. It provides that water lead abatement or mitigation efforts receive Priority 1 status for receipt of funds from the School Revolving Renovation Fund in the custody of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.