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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 40, L.D. 153, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water”

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.

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

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

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

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

7 **SUMMARY**

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