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Proposed Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 473

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sections 1 through 7 as sections 9 through 15 and adding new sections designated sections 1 through 8, following the enacting clause, to read as follows:

**“Section 1.** Chapter 445A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 3 to 8, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Account” means the Account to Finance the Purchase of Alternative Sources of Safe Drinking Water in Schools created by section 7 of this act.*

**Sec. 4.** *“Administrator” means the Administrator of the Division.*

**Sec. 5.** *“Division” means the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.*

**Sec. 6.** *“Public water system” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445A.235.*

**Sec. 7. 1.** *The Account to Finance the Purchase of Alternative Sources of Safe Drinking Water in Schools is hereby created in the State General Fund.*

**2.** *The Administrator shall administer the Account. The Administrator may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money for deposit in the Account. Money received by the Administrator pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Account.*

3. *The money in the Account must be used only for the purposes set forth in section 8 of this act and may not be used to pay for expenses related to the administration of the account.*

4. *All claims against the Account must be paid as other claims against the state are paid.*

5. *The interest and income earned on the money in the Account must be credited to the Account. The money in the Account does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

Sec. 8. 1. *The board of trustees of a county school district that is served by a public water system may file an application with the Administrator requesting a grant of money from the Account to provide an alternative source of safe drinking water to the pupils attending schools within the district if:*

(a) *A majority of the members of the board of trustees approves a resolution requesting a grant of money from the Account;*

(b) *The water provided by the public water system serving the school district contains arsenic<sup>SUBSTANCE-</sup> or other carcinogens at levels that are higher than the standards for safe drinking water adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and*

(c) *The board of trustees demonstrates a financial need for assistance for the current budget or operating year.*

2. *An application filed pursuant to subsection 1 must be in such form and contain such information as may be required by the Administrator.*

3. *Upon the receipt of an application for a grant of money, the Administrator shall consult with the State Health Officer regarding the need of the school district to provide an alternative source of safe drinking water and the immediacy of that need.*

*4. If the Administrator determines that the school district qualifies for a grant of money from the Account and if sufficient money is available in the Account, the Administrator shall grant money to the school district from the Account based on the need of the school district to purchase alternative sources of safe drinking water for the pupils attending schools in the district. The Administrator shall not grant more money to a school district than is available in the Account.*

*6. The Administrator shall adopt such regulations as are required to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations may include, without limitation:*

*(a) Requirements for the submission and review of applications.*

*(b) Criteria for eligibility to receive a grant of money from the Account.*

*(c) Standards for consulting with the State Health Officer regarding applications that are filed with the Administrator.”.*

Amend the title of the bill, first line, after “systems;” by inserting:

“establishing procedures for granting money to certain school districts to provide alternative sources of safe drinking water to the pupils attending schools in those districts;”.

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

“SUMMARY--Makes various changes to provisions governing public water systems. (BDR 40-1252)”.