

House Resolution 1269

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Barrett of the 24th, Frye of the 122nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Prince of the 132nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Education to provide informational support to school
2 districts to encourage testing school pipes and fixtures for lead, to utilize federal funding to
3 pay for such testing, and to remedy any problems found as a result of such testing; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "No Lead in My Water
6 Act"; and

7 WHEREAS, exposure to lead through drinking water that flows through lead pipes and
8 fixtures poses a serious public health risk to both children and adults; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, lead exposure can
10 cause permanent brain damage, reduce IQ, hinder a child's physical and cognitive
11 development, and negatively affect attention span and academic performance; and

12 WHEREAS, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, through its infrastructure
13 program titled the *Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant*
14 *Program*, has allocated millions of dollars to states to support lead testing and repair in
15 schools; and

16 WHEREAS, this infrastructure program provides free testing for lead in school pipes and
17 fixtures and covers the cost of necessary repairs and replacement of lead pipes and fixtures;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the largest school district in Georgia, Gwinnett County Public Schools, has
20 already taken advantage of this federally funded program to test for lead in school drinking
21 water; and

22 WHEREAS, these resources present a timely opportunity to safeguard the health,
23 development, and educational outcomes of students by identifying and addressing lead
24 contamination in school facilities.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Education to provide
27 informational support to school districts to encourage testing school pipes and fixtures for
28 lead, to utilize federal funding to pay for such testing, and to remedy any problems found as
29 a result of such testing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Georgia Department of Education and school districts in the State of Georgia.