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H. R. 3949

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for drinking water fountain replacement in playgrounds and parks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2019

Ms. MENG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Drinking Water
5 in Playgrounds and Parks Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT FOR**
7 **PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS.**

8 (a) PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS OWNED BY
9 SCHOOLS.—Section 1465(b) of the Safe Drinking Water
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–25(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including
2 in playgrounds and parks owned or administered by
3 schools” after “schools”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “including in
5 playgrounds and parks owned or administered by
6 such schools,” after “such funds,”.

7 (b) PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS OR PARKS.—

8 (1) GRANT PROGRAM.—Part F of the Safe
9 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21 et seq.) is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 **“SEC. 1466. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT IN**

12 **PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator
15 shall establish a grant program to provide assistance to
16 States and municipalities for the replacement, in play-
17 grounds or parks owned by States or municipalities, of
18 drinking water fountains manufactured prior to 1988.

19 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds awarded under the
20 grant program—

21 “(1) shall be used to pay the costs of replace-
22 ment of drinking water fountains in playgrounds or
23 parks owned by a State or municipality receiving
24 such funds; and

1 “(2) may be used to pay the costs of monitoring
2 and reporting of lead levels in the drinking water of
3 playgrounds or parks owned by a State or municipi-
4 pality receiving such funds, as determined appro-
5 priate by the Administrator.

6 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding funds under the grant
7 program, the Administrator shall give priority to projects
8 and activities that benefit an underserved community or
9 a disadvantaged community.

10 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
12 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.”.

13 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1461 of the Safe
14 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–21) is amend-
15 ed by adding at the end the following:

16 “(8) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.—The term
17 ‘disadvantaged community’ has the meaning given
18 such term in section 1452(d)(3).

19 “(9) PLAYGROUND OR PARK.—The term ‘play-
20 ground or park’ means an indoor or outdoor park,
21 building, site, or other facility, including any parking
22 lot appurtenant thereto, that is intended for recre-
23 ation purposes.

1 “(10) UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—The term
2 ‘underserved community’ has the meaning given
3 such term in section 1459A.”.

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