

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2445

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-7-316, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPROVING
 3 PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE SCHOOL
 4 BOARD OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM APPROVING PLANS FOR THE ADDITION
 5 TO OR RENOVATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES, UNLESS THE PLANS PROVIDE
 6 FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS IN EACH SCHOOL,
 7 A MINIMUM OF ONE DRINKING FOUNTAIN OR FILLING STATION ON EACH
 8 FLOOR AND WING OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY, AND A MINIMUM OF ONE WATER
 9 FOUNTAIN OR FILLING STATION FOR EVERY 1000 STUDENTS PROJECTED TO
 10 ATTEND THE SCHOOL UPON COMPLETION; TO REQUIRE ANY FILLING STATION
 11 OR WATER FOUNTAIN TO DISPENSE FILTERED, CLEAN DRINKING WATER; AND
 12 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

14 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 15 37-7-316, Mississippi Code of 1972:

16 37-7-316. (1) The State Board of Education shall not
 17 approve the plans and specifications for the construction of new
 18 school facilities and the school board of any school district
 19 shall not approve the plans and specifications for the addition to
 20 or renovation of old buildings, unless the plans and
 21 specifications provide for:

22 (a) A minimum of two (2) water bottle filling stations
 23 in each school;



24 (b) A minimum of one (1) drinking fountain or water
25 bottle filling station on each floor and wing of each school
26 facility; and

27 (c) A minimum of one (1) drinking fountain or water
28 bottle filling station for every one hundred (100) students
29 projected to attend the school upon completion of the proposed
30 construction.

31 (2) Any water bottle filing station in a public-school
32 building shall:

33 (a) Dispense filtered, clean drinking water;

34 (b) Be regularly cleaned and maintained; and

35 (c) Be accompanied by a cup dispenser if there is no
36 drinking fountain on the same floor and wing as the water bottle
37 filling station.

38 (3) Any drinking fountain installed in a public-school
39 building shall:

40 (a) Be equipped with a protective cowl;

41 (b) Be equipped with a waterspout at least one (1) inch
42 above the overflow rim of the drinking fountain;

43 (c) Dispense filtered, clean drinking water; and

44 (d) Be regularly cleaned and maintained.

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2020.

