

CHAPTER NO. 291

SENATE BILL NO. 641

By Hagood

Substituted for: House Bill No. 585

By Litz, McCormick, Cooper, Henri Brooks, Marrero, Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to indoor air quality and mold in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-2-1___. Each LEA is encouraged to conduct an inspection and evaluation program, such as the Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program, for its facilities. Such program may include, but shall not be limited to, the following measures:

- (1) Ensuring that an adequate amount of outdoor air is being supplied;
- (2) Testing for radon;
- (3) Separating students and staff from construction and renovation areas;
- (4) Reducing use of products, such as adhesives, floor-care products, and pesticides, that require ventilation during use; and
- (5) Maintaining relative humidity to an appropriate level during hot and humid summers.

The Department of Education shall conduct a survey of each LEA, whereby such school district shall respond to the survey relative to air quality conditions and any action to maintain or improve air quality in schools. The commissioner shall report on the results of the survey to the select oversight committee on education by March 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 18, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR