



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6925**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 10-231f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3       Each local and regional board of education [may] shall establish an  
4 indoor air quality committee for each school district or facility to (1)  
5 through the use of the Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air  
6 Quality Tools for Schools Program, or the equivalent thereof, increase  
7 staff and student awareness of facets of the environment that affect the  
8 health of the occupants of school facilities including, but not limited to,  
9 air quality, water quality and the presence of radon, and (2) develop a  
10 system for staff, students and parents of students to register  
11 complaints about such environmental concerns. The committee shall  
12 develop a reasonable time line for the local or regional boards of  
13 education to address each complaint and make any repairs or complete  
14 maintenance, if necessary. Such committee shall include, but not be  
15 limited to, (A) the chief elected official, or the official's designee, of the  
16 town in the case of a local board of education, or in the case of a  
17 regional board of education, the chief elected official of each member  
18 town, or the official's designee, (B) the local or district health director,  
19 or the director's designee, for the town in the case of a local board of  
20 education, or in the case of a regional board of education, the local or

21 district health director, or the director's designee, for each member  
22 town, (C) at least one administrator, (D) one maintenance staff  
23 member, (E) one teacher, (F) one school health staff member, (G) one  
24 parent of a student, and (H) two members-at-large from the school  
25 district. [No local or regional board of education, superintendent or  
26 school administrator may prohibit a school safety committee  
27 established pursuant to section 10-220f from addressing indoor air  
28 quality issues that affect the health of occupants of school facilities.]  
29 The committee shall annually report to the Department of Education  
30 and the Department of Public Health on the progress of the committee  
31 to increase student and staff awareness and each complaint received  
32 and the resolution of any such complaint. The Commissioner of  
33 Education shall include such information when reporting in  
34 accordance with section 10-220, as amended by this act. The  
35 Department of Public Health shall investigate and take any necessary  
36 action based on such reports.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is  
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
39 *1, 2005*):

40 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good  
41 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational  
42 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other  
43 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of  
44 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such  
45 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions  
46 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school  
47 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide  
48 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes  
49 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,  
50 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources  
51 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe  
52 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school  
53 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities  
54 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time

55 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt  
56 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for  
57 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the  
58 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;  
59 shall report annually to the Commissioner of Education on the  
60 condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-  
61 term school building program and indoor air quality program, which  
62 report, with the annual reports issued by the indoor air quality  
63 committee pursuant to section 10-231f, as amended by this act, the  
64 Commissioner of Education shall use to prepare an annual report that  
65 said commissioner shall submit in accordance with section 11-4a to the  
66 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
67 of matters relating to education; shall advise the Commissioner of  
68 Education of the relationship between any individual school building  
69 project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term school building  
70 program; shall have the care, maintenance and operation of buildings,  
71 lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes and at  
72 all times shall insure all such buildings and all capital equipment  
73 contained therein against loss in an amount not less than eighty per  
74 cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number, age and  
75 qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school; shall  
76 develop and implement a written plan for minority staff recruitment  
77 for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall employ and  
78 dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject to the  
79 provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the schools  
80 which shall be attended by the various children within the school  
81 district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of school  
82 age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for the  
83 period required by law and provide for the transportation of children  
84 wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for such  
85 purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than five  
86 years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable  
87 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years  
88 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for  
89 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of

90 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such  
91 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;  
92 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen  
93 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the  
94 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of  
95 section 10-184, and shall perform all acts required of it by the town or  
96 necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed by law.

97 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Department of Education  
98 shall, within available appropriations, provide to each local and  
99 regional school district a maintenance template, software and  
100 assistance with initial inventory inputs to ensure consistent  
101 maintenance and repairs of educational facilities. Each local and  
102 regional school board shall report electronically maintenance and  
103 repair progress to the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-231f
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-220(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

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