



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1061**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE ACOUSTICAL CONDITIONS IN CLASSROOMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) Except as provided in  
2 subsection (b) of this section, for any school building project  
3 authorized by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2005,  
4 classrooms or other space where students learn shall be constructed or  
5 altered in accordance with American National Standard: Acoustical  
6 Performance Criteria, Design Requirements and Guidelines for  
7 Schools, ANSI S12. 60-2002. The provisions of this section shall not  
8 apply to classrooms or other spaces where students learn where  
9 adequate acoustical modifications cannot be made without  
10 compromising health and safety, or the educational purpose or  
11 function of a specific classroom or other space where students learn.

12 (b) A local or regional board of education may apply to the  
13 Commissioner of Education for a waiver from the standard required in  
14 subsection (a) of this section for any relocatable classroom that will be  
15 used by the same school for a period of less than thirty-six months and  
16 the commissioner shall grant such waiver provided the application  
17 includes evidence that the board, with notice to parents, students and  
18 teachers, held a public hearing on the effects that required acoustical  
19 standards for classrooms may have on a student's ability to learn.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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