



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 25**

February Session, 2008

Substitute Senate Bill No. 361

*Senate, March 13, 2008*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE TOXICITY OF ARTIFICIAL TURF ATHLETIC FIELDS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before September 1, 2008, the  
2 Department of Environmental Protection shall contract with an  
3 individual, firm, corporation or other entity to conduct a study of the  
4 toxicity of artificial turf athletic fields. Said study shall evaluate  
5 whether such fields cause harmful effects on air quality, water quality  
6 or human health. Not later than February 1, 2009, said entity shall  
7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
8 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
9 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment the  
10 conclusions of said study.

11 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
12 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
13 Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
14 2009, for the purposes of a grant to the entity selected by the

- 15 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to conduct the study
- 16 required by section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	250,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill appropriates \$250,000 for FY 09 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to contract with an entity for a study of the toxicity of artificial turf athletic fields.

There are more than 50 athletic fields in the state constructed with artificial turf comprised of recycled and reprocessed tires.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for the out years, since the appropriation is only for FY 09.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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