



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Each local fire marshal and the State Fire Marshal, for the  
4 purpose of satisfying themselves that all pertinent statutes and  
5 regulations are complied with, may inspect in the interests of public  
6 safety all buildings, facilities, processes, equipment, systems and other  
7 areas regulated by the State Fire Safety Code and the State Fire  
8 Prevention Code within their respective jurisdictions.

9 (b) Each local fire marshal shall inspect or cause to be inspected, at  
10 least once each calendar year or as often as prescribed by the State Fire  
11 Marshal pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, in the interests of  
12 public safety, all buildings and facilities of public service and all  
13 occupancies regulated by the State Fire Safety Code within the local  
14 fire marshal's jurisdiction, except residential buildings designed to be  
15 occupied by one or two families which shall be inspected, upon  
16 complaint or request of an owner or occupant, only for the purpose of

17 determining whether the requirements specified in said codes relative  
18 to smoke detection and warning equipment have been satisfied. In the  
19 case of a school building, each local fire marshal shall submit a written  
20 report documenting each such inspection to the local or regional board  
21 of education prior to the commencement of each school year.

22 (c) Upon receipt by the State Fire Marshal of information from an  
23 authentic source that any other building or facility within the State Fire  
24 Marshal's jurisdiction is hazardous to life safety from fire, the State Fire  
25 Marshal shall inspect such building or facility.

26 (d) Upon receipt by the local fire marshal of information from an  
27 authentic source that any other building or facility within the local fire  
28 marshal's jurisdiction is hazardous to life safety from fire, the local fire  
29 marshal shall inspect such building or facility. In each case in which  
30 the local fire marshal conducts an inspection, the local fire marshal  
31 shall be satisfied that all pertinent statutes and regulations are  
32 complied with, and shall keep a record of such investigations. Such  
33 local fire marshal or a designee shall have the right of entry at all  
34 reasonable hours into or upon any premises within the local fire  
35 marshal's jurisdiction for the performance of the fire marshal's duties  
36 except that occupied dwellings and habitations, exclusive of common  
37 use passageways and rooms in tenement houses, hotels and rooming  
38 houses, may only be entered for inspections between the hours of 9:00  
39 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except in the event of any emergency requiring  
40 immediate attention for safety to life, or in the interests of public  
41 safety. Each local fire marshal shall make a monthly report to the  
42 authority which appointed the local fire marshal and shall be paid for  
43 his or her services in making such inspections of buildings, facilities,  
44 processes, equipment, systems and other areas the compensation  
45 agreed upon with such appointing authority.

46 (e) The State Fire Marshal may adopt amendments to the State Fire  
47 Safety Code and the State Fire Prevention Code regarding  
48 requirements for the frequency of inspections of different building

49 uses regulated by the codes and set forth a schedule of inspections,  
50 except for inspections of residential buildings designed to be occupied  
51 by three or more families, that are less frequent than yearly if the  
52 interests of public safety can be met by less frequent inspections.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	29-305

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require local fire marshals to submit a report documenting their inspection of school buildings to the local boards of education prior to the commencement of each school year.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*