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House Bill No. 5188

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The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "crumb rubber" means any material that contains shredded or
3 ground rubber recycled from motor vehicle tires.

4 (b) On and after October 1, 2018, no person shall install a crumb
5 rubber ground cover within the boundaries of a municipal
6 playground, as defined by subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section
7 22a-66m of the general statutes, or a playground located at a school
8 under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education, until
9 such time as the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
10 National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and United States
11 Consumer Product Safety Commission release the findings of the
12 Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on
13 Playing Fields and Playgrounds.

14 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to
15 an installation that is the subject of a contract entered into prior to July
16 1, 2018.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Education, Dept. (Connecticut Education and Career System)	GF - Cost	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost to various municipalities and the Connecticut Education and Career System (CTECS) as it imposes a moratorium on installing ground cover made with any material that contains shredded or ground rubber recycled from motor vehicle tires (“crumb rubber”) on a municipal or public school playground. To the extent that a municipality or the CTECS were to plan to use recycled tire rubber during the moratorium, there is a potential cost with having to select a more expensive alternative.

The cost will vary based on: 1) the alternative product that is selected and 2) the amount of the chosen alternative required to complete the project.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to changes in the cost of products chosen to replace recycled rubber, and the length of the moratorium.

Sources: <http://www.safehealthyplayingfields.org/costs-synthetic-turf/>

OLR Bill Analysis**HB05188*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.*****SUMMARY**

Starting October 1, 2018, this bill imposes a moratorium on installing ground cover made with any material that contains shredded or ground rubber recycled from motor vehicle tires (“crumb rubber”) on a municipal or public school playground. It exempts from the moratorium crumb rubber installations subject to contracts entered into before July 1, 2018.

Under the bill, the moratorium remains in effect until the federal Environmental Protection Agency, National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Consumer Product Safety Commission release the findings of the Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds.

The federal agencies initiated this plan in February 2016 to study the potential environmental and human health impacts of crumb rubber, including from its use on playground surfaces. The agencies expect to release the final report summarizing study results in mid-2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 6 (03/01/2018)