OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7003

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

SUMMARY:
Starting October 1, 2019, this bill imposes a moratorium on local and regional boards of education and municipalities entering into new contracts for installing crumb rubber ground cover on certain playground property. Crumb rubber is a material containing shredded or ground rubber from recycled tires. The moratorium applies to (1) school playgrounds under the school boards’ authority and (2) municipal playgrounds, which excludes fields or open spaces used mainly for sporting activities.


The federal agencies initiated the plan in 2016 to study the potential environmental and human health impacts of crumb rubber, including from its use on playground surfaces. The agencies have not specified a date by which the findings will be released.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Committee on Children

Joint Favorable
Yea 9   Nay 5   (02/21/2019)