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HOUSE BILL NO. 2478

House Amendments in [] — February 8, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, relating to indoor air quality in public schools.*

Patrons—Grayson, Darner and Spruill

Consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 22.1-138 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-138. Minimum standards for public school buildings.

A. The Board of Education shall prescribe by regulation minimum standards for the erection of or addition to public school buildings governing instructional, operational, health and maintenance facilities where these are not specifically addressed in the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

B. By July 1, 1994, every school building in operation in the Commonwealth shall be tested for radon pursuant to procedures established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for radon measurements in schools.

School buildings and additions opened for operation after July 1, 1994, shall be tested for radon pursuant to such EPA procedures and regulations prescribed by the Board of Education pursuant to subsection A of this section. Each school shall maintain files of its radon test results and make such files available for review. The division superintendent shall report radon test results to the Department of Health.

C. *Local school boards shall [~~establish procedures~~ strive] to ensure that the instructional areas in all school buildings comply with federal and state requirements and regulations governing indoor air quality.*

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