

The legislation requires a report be completed no later than 60 days after an inspection is conducted and mandates the school correct the problems identified in the report no later than 60 days from receipt of the report.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 489 does not contain an appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There could be an administrative impact to school districts in meeting the mandates of the legislation.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Department of Environment indicates that the legislation does not set acceptable levels for Radon or other chemical compounds normally found in the air. Reference standards are continually updated and the bill does not set a reference year or publication date for school to meet. The legislation also does not address enforcement actions to be taken if corrections are not completed within the limits set in the bill.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Department of Environment also is concerned that the legislation does not address the growing concerns of molds, mildews or other biological agents that can become airborne.

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