

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational facilities; creating s.  
 3           1013.135, F.S.; requiring each district school board to  
 4           adopt and implement an indoor air quality program;  
 5           requiring annual reports to the Department of Education;  
 6           requiring uniform air quality inspections and evaluations;  
 7           providing requirements for educational facility sites and  
 8           project plans; providing requirements for heating,  
 9           ventilating, and air-conditioning systems; requiring  
 10          maintenance of records; requiring school district or  
 11          educational facility indoor air quality committees;  
 12          requiring indoor environmental quality training programs  
 13          for staff; providing an effective date.

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 15   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17          Section 1.   Section 1013.135, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18   to read:

19          1013.135 Indoor air quality of educational facilities.--

20          (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement  
 21 an indoor air quality program using the guidelines of the United  
 22 States Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality  
 23 Tools for Schools Program to provide for ongoing maintenance and  
 24 facility reviews necessary for the improvement and proper  
 25 maintenance of the indoor air quality of its educational  
 26 facilities.

27          (2) Each district school board shall annually report to  
 28 the Department of Education on the condition of the air quality

29 of its educational facilities and the action taken to implement  
 30 its indoor air quality program and long-range building program  
 31 through the district educational facilities plan and district  
 32 facilities work program.

33 (3) Before January 2010 and every 5 years thereafter, each  
 34 district school board shall conduct a uniform air quality  
 35 inspection and evaluation of its educational facilities built or  
 36 renovated after January 1, 2005, using the United States  
 37 Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality Tools for  
 38 Schools Kit. Educational facilities built before January 1,  
 39 2005, which are not scheduled for renovation are subject to such  
 40 inspection and evaluation every 2 years beginning with the  
 41 implementation of the school district's indoor air quality  
 42 program. A district school board conducting an inspection and  
 43 evaluation under this subsection shall make available for public  
 44 inspection at a regularly scheduled district school board  
 45 meeting the results of the inspection and evaluation.

46 (4) Prior to approval for new construction, a district  
 47 school board shall provide for an environmental site assessment  
 48 relating to air quality pursuant to s. 1013.365. A district  
 49 school board may not approve an educational facility site or  
 50 project plan if:

51 (a) The site is in an area of moderate or high radon  
 52 potential, unless the project plan incorporates construction  
 53 techniques to mitigate radon levels in the air of the facility;  
 54 or

55 (b) The standards of the State Uniform Building Code for  
 56 Educational Facilities Construction for heating, ventilating,

57 and air-conditioning systems are not met.

58 (5) Each district school board shall ensure that the  
59 heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems of each of  
60 its educational facilities are:

61 (a) Maintained and operated in accordance with the  
62 prevailing maintenance standards, such as the standards of the  
63 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning  
64 Engineers (ASHRAE), at the time of installation or renovation of  
65 the system.

66 (b) Operated continuously during the hours that students  
67 or school personnel occupy the facilities except during  
68 scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs or during periods  
69 for which school officials can demonstrate to the department's  
70 satisfaction that the quantity of outdoor air supplied by an air  
71 supply system that is not mechanically driven meets the ASHRAE  
72 standards for air changes per hour.

73 (6) Each district school board shall maintain records of  
74 the maintenance of its heating, ventilating, and air-  
75 conditioning systems for at least 5 years.

76 (7) Each district school board shall establish an indoor  
77 air quality committee for the school district or for each  
78 facility using the guidelines established by the United States  
79 Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality Tools for  
80 Schools Program to increase staff and student awareness of  
81 facets of the environment which may affect the health of the  
82 occupants of the facilities, including, but not limited to, air  
83 quality and the presence of radon.

84 (8) Each district school board shall develop an indoor

85 environmental quality training program for facilities,  
86 maintenance, and custodial staff. New employees must complete  
87 the training program within the first 60 days following  
88 employment. Existing employees must complete the training  
89 program within 1 year after the implementation of the program.  
90 In the case of new construction, extension, renovation, or  
91 replacement of an educational facility, building maintenance  
92 staff responsible for the facility must be trained, or must be  
93 receiving training, in the appropriate areas of plant  
94 operations, including, but not limited to, heating, ventilating,  
95 and air-conditioning systems. Such training must be incorporated  
96 in the current training manual for certification of master  
97 custodians.

98 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.