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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
OCTOBER 22, 2002

AN ACT

1 Providing for toxic mold testing of schools; and making an
2 appropriation.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Toxic Mold
7 Testing and Removal Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

13 "School." A public, private or parochial elementary or
14 secondary school.

15 "Toxic mold." Stachybotrys, Memnoniella or any other mold

1 containing health-threatening mycotoxins.

2 Section 3. Testing and reporting.

3 (a) Testing.--The department shall test schools triannually
4 to determine the presence of toxic mold.

5 (b) Report.--The department shall publish in the
6 Pennsylvania Bulletin an annual report of the results of testing
7 conducted under subsection (a).

8 Section 4. Removal.

9 The department shall be responsible for 25% of the toxic mold
10 removal costs when toxic mold is discovered as a result of
11 testing conducted pursuant to this act.

12 Section 5. Appropriation.

13 The General Assembly shall annually appropriate money to the
14 Department of Health in an amount sufficient to fully carry out
15 the provisions of this act.

16 Section 6. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.