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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in school districts, requiring radon  
6 reports; and, in grounds and buildings, requiring radon  
7 tests.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections  
12 to read:

13 Section 223.1. Radon Report.--The board of directors of each  
14 school district shall provide written notice to the parent or  
15 guardian of each student within ten (10) business days of the  
16 start of the school year. The notice shall include the following  
17 information:

18 (1) The date the radon testing under section 787 was  
19 conducted in the school buildings in the school district in the

1 prior school year.

2 (2) The highest radon level recorded and the school building  
3 where the level was recorded.

4 (3) A statement, if applicable, that no testing has been  
5 conducted in a particular school building.

6 (4) A statement that the Environmental Protection Agency  
7 considers radon levels above four (4) picocuries per liter to be  
8 potentially dangerous.

9 Section 787. Radon Testing.--(a) Each school district shall  
10 complete initial radon tests in school buildings in the school  
11 district as follows:

12 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), for a school  
13 building in existence on the effective date of this section, by  
14 June 30, 2017.

15 (2) For a school building constructed after the effective  
16 date of this section, within nineteen (19) months of the date of  
17 occupancy.

18 (3) For a school building in existence on the effective date  
19 of this section but remodeled after the effective date of this  
20 section, within nineteen (19) months of the date of completion  
21 of the remodeling.

22 (b) Each school district shall continue to conduct radon  
23 tests in school buildings in the school districts every five (5)  
24 years after the initial test in subsection (a).

25 (c) The results of the radon tests shall be on file and  
26 available for review at each school within the school district.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.