

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 8, 2021

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 testing.

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 United States Environmental
7 Protection Agency considers radon levels above four (4)
8 picocuries per liter to be 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, 2021.

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 building within the school
27 district.

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