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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 433, L.D. 1201, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Public Health Standards in Public Schools Similar to Standards Required in Private Industry"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec.1. 20-A MRSA §258-B is enacted to read:

§258-B. Air quality testing

1. Petition percentage. A request for an inspection of schools to test air quality is subject to the criteria established in section 258-A, except that a petition by 50% of the parents of the children of one school is sufficient to initiate an inspection by the commissioner.

2. Notify citizens. The commissioner shall direct superintendents to notify any citizen who requests an inspection of school facilities of the petition process for requesting such an inspection under this section and section 258-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may result in an increase in the number of requests for air quality inspections of schools. The Department of Education can absorb the costs of providing these additional inspections utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment reduces the percentage of parents needed to petition for an air quality inspection of a school from 60% to 50% and requires that superintendents notify a citizen requesting an inspection of the process for requesting that inspection.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.