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S.P. 432

In Senate, February 16, 1999

An Act To Improve Indoor Air Quality in Schools.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GAGNON of Waterville and
Representative: BERRY of Belmont.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6302**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 181, §2,
is amended to read:

6 **§6302. Air quality in school buildings**

8 **1. Applicability.** This section applies to school buildings
subject to basic school approval under section 4502 ~~in which the~~
10 ~~heating, ventilation and air conditioning system is mechanically~~
~~driven.~~

12 **2. Operation.** Each school administrative unit shall ensure
14 ~~that the~~ maintain heating, ventilation and air conditioning
~~system is systems that are:~~

16 A. Maintained and operated to provide at least the quantity
18 ~~of outdoor~~ quality of indoor air required by the ~~state~~
~~building standards code in effect at the time the building~~
20 ~~permit was issued or the heating, ventilation and~~
~~air conditioning system was installed, whichever is later~~
22 current standards of the Occupational Safety Health
24 Administration, the National Institute of Occupational
Safety and Health and the American Society of Heating,
26 Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers or any of their
successor organizations for air flow, air quality, air
composition and air exchange rate; and

28 B. Operated continuously during school activity hours
30 except:

32 (1) During scheduled maintenance and emergency
34 repairs; and

36 (2) During periods for which school officials can
demonstrate to the commissioner's satisfaction that the
38 quantity of outdoor air supplied by an ~~air supply~~
~~system that is not mechanically driven and by~~
infiltration meets the ~~outdoor air supply rate~~ air
40 quality standards required by paragraph A.

42 **3. Inspection and record.** Each school administrative unit
is responsible for:

44 A. ~~Inspection of~~ Monitoring or contracting with a qualified
46 professional to monitor the heating, ventilation and
air conditioning ~~system systems~~ in its schools and filing
48 with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health by
the first of each month a report on the quality of air in
50 the school. The report must be on a form that is developed
52 by the Bureau of Health and the Department of Administrative
and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division
of Safety and Environmental Services and that includes each

