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An Act To Improve Indoor Air Quality in Schools.

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

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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: 2 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6302, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 181, §2, 4 is amended to read: §6302. Air quality in school buildings б Applicability. This section applies to school buildings 8 1. 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 that--the maintain heating, ventilation and air-conditioning 14 system-is systems that are: 16 Maintained and operated to provide at least the quantity Α. 18 ef--outdoor guality of indoor air required by the--state building-standards-code-in-effect-at-the-time-the-building permit---was---issued---er---the---heating----ventilation---and 20 air-conditioning--system-was--installed,--whichever--is--later current standards of the Occupational Safety Health 22 Administration, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and the American Society of Heating, 24 Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers or any of their successor organizations for air flow, air guality, air 26 composition and air exchange rate; and 28 в. Operated continuously during school activity hours 30 except: 32 scheduled maintenance (1)During and emergency repairs; and 34 During periods for which school officials can (2) demonstrate to the commissioner's satisfaction that the 36 quantity of outdoor air supplied by an--air--supply system---that --is---not--mechanically---driven---and---by 38 infiltration meets the outdoor--air--supply--rate air 40 guality standards required by paragraph A. Inspection and record. Each school administrative unit 42 3. is responsible for: 44 Inspection-of Monitoring or contracting with a qualified Α. professional to monitor the heating, ventilation and 46 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 by the Bureau of Health and the Department of Administrative 52 and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Safety and Environmental Services and that includes each

 standard of air quality required in subsection 2, paragraph
A. The Bureau of Health and the Division of Safety and Environmental Services shall promptly review the report. If
warranted by the report, the bureau and the division shall make a determination and notify the school administrative
unit of the existence of an air quality violation in a school and of recommended corrective action. Corrective
action must be completed within 30 days by the school administrative unit at-least-annually-and-correction-of-any
problems-within-a-reasenable-time; and

B. Maintaining written records of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system inspection and maintenance for at least 5 years. The superintendent shall make these records available for examination upon request.

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4. Penalty. The failure of a school administrative unit to complete corrective action within 30 days of receipt of notice of a violation by the Bureau of Health and the Division of Safety and Environmental Services is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$200 per day may be adjudged.

SUMMARY

26 This bill requires school administrative units to meet national indoor air quality standards in their school buildings, 28 to regularly monitor and correct problems identified and to report monthly to the Bureau of Health on the quality of indoor 30 air quality in the schools.

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