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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988, L.D. 1433, Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4013 is enacted to read:

§4013. Radon

1. Testing required. A school administrative unit shall hire a person registered with the division of environmental health within the Department of Health and Human Services under the Radon Registration Act to test an occupied elementary school or secondary school of the school administrative unit every 5 years for radon. The method of testing must comply with school testing standards recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The school administrative unit shall maintain, make available for review and notify parents, faculty and staff of test results under this subsection. The school administrative unit shall report radon test results to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare a report of the test results from all schools and no later than October 1, 2022 and every 5 years thereafter shall submit this report to the Legislature and the Governor.

2. Funding. When funds are available, the department shall disburse money to school administrative units to use for radon testing. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. New schools. A school administrative unit, when building a new elementary school or secondary school, shall use radon-resistant new construction techniques as shown in the United States Environmental Protection Agency document, Radon Prevention in the Design and Construction of Schools and Other Large Buildings.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

1 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **Radon Testing for Schools Program N263**

3 Initiative: Allocates funds for school administrative units to test for radon in schools.

4	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2017-18	2018-19
5	All Other	\$2,162,065	\$0
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7	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$2,162,065</u>	<u>\$0</u>

8 **Radon Testing for Schools Program N263**

9 Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs associated with administering the Radon Testing
10 for Schools Program.

11	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2017-18	2018-19
12	All Other	\$24,935	\$0
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14	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$24,935</u>	<u>\$0</u>

15 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

17		2017-18	2018-19
18	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$2,187,000	\$0
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20	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,187,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment provides that radon testing in schools must comply with the United
24 States Environmental Protection Agency's recommended testing standards for schools. It
25 allocates money from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to pay for the schools' radon testing
26 costs. It removes the provisions in the bill that require schools to mitigate radon levels in
27 areas with high levels of radon. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations
28 section.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 (See attached)



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LD 1433

LR 1725(02)

An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-516)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,187,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,187,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes Fund for a Healthy Maine allocations totaling \$2,187,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to a newly created Radon Testing for Schools Program within the Department of Education for school administrative units to have radon tests performed in all schools every 5 years. Of this amount, \$24,935 is allocated for the costs associated with administering the program and \$2,162,065 is allocated to pay for school administrative units to test for radon in schools.

The cost of requiring school administrative units to use certain radon-resistant new construction techniques when building a new elementary or secondary school is not estimated at this time and is not included in the allocation above.