

HOUSE BILL No. 1252

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-41-37.7.

Synopsis: Radon testing in school buildings. Requires the individual or entity having authority over a public school building to test for radon in the lowest level of the school building before January 1, 2027, and report the test results to the Indiana department of health (state department). Requires the state department to record the test results in a data base and use the data base in its efforts to reduce the health risks of radon.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-41-37.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]:
4 **Chapter 37.7. Radon in School Buildings**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "radon" refers to the colorless,**
6 **odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that:**
7 (1) **forms naturally when radioactive metals break down in:**
8 (A) **rocks;**
9 (B) **soil; or**
10 (C) **ground water;**
11 (2) **can enter homes and other buildings; and**
12 (3) **is a recognized cause of lung cancer.**
13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "school building" means any**
14 **building:**
15 (1) **that is used by a public school (as defined in**
16 **IC 20-18-2-15(2)), including a charter school (as defined in**
17 **IC 20-18-2-2.5); and**



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(2) in which:

(A) classroom instruction of students occurs; or

(B) students are present for any period during a school day.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "student" refers to a student in any grade from kindergarten through grade 12.

Sec. 4. (a) The individual or entity having authority over a school building shall test the air in the lowest level of the school building before January 1, 2027, to determine whether the concentration of radon in the air equals or exceeds the United States Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level of four (4) picocuries per liter.

(b) The individual or entity having authority over a school building that is subject to radon testing under this section shall seek any state or federal grant money that is available to pay the cost of the testing.

Sec. 5. (a) The person or entity having authority over a school building shall report to the state department the results of the radon testing conducted in the school building under section 4 of this chapter.

(b) The state department shall:

(1) record the test results reported under subsection (a) in a data base; and

(2) use the data base in its efforts to reduce the health risks of radon.

