

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 11, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
 5 laws relating thereto," in school districts, requiring radon
 6 reports; and, in grounds and buildings, requiring radon
 7 tests.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections
 12 to read:

13 Section 223.1. Radon Report.--The board of directors of each
 14 school district shall contact the parent or guardian of each
 15 student in writing within ten business days of the start of the
 16 school year regarding:

17 (1) The date the radon testing under section 787 was
 18 conducted in the school buildings in the school district in the
 19 prior school year.

20 (2) The highest radon level recorded and the school building

1 where the level was recorded.

2 (3) Notice, if applicable, that no testing has been
3 conducted in a particular school building.

4 (4) That the Environmental Protection Agency considers radon
5 levels above four picocuries per liter to be potentially
6 dangerous.

7 Section 787. Radon Testing.--(a) Each school district shall
8 complete initial radon tests in school buildings in the school
9 district as follows:

10 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), for a school
11 building in existence on the effective date of this section, by
12 June 30, 2014.

13 (2) For a school building constructed after the effective
14 date of this section, within nineteen months of the date of
15 occupancy.

16 (3) For a school building in existence on the effective date
17 of this section but remodeled after the effective date of this
18 section, within nineteen months of the date of completion of the
19 remodeling.

20 (b) Each school district shall continue to make radon tests
21 in school buildings in the school districts every five years
22 after the initial test in subsection (a).

23 (c) The results of the tests shall be on file and available
24 for review at each school within the school district.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.