

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1979**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; prohibiting construction of schools near former landfills;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 123B.51, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 123B.51, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. School on landfill site; prohibition; notice. (a) No school may be constructed  
1.8 on land that is located within one-quarter mile of a dump site or closed landfill.

1.9 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision:

1.10 (1) "closed landfill" means a closed landfill site listed on the Pollution Control Agency  
1.11 website as a potentially contaminated site;

1.12 (2) "dump site" means:

1.13 (i) an unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste disposal site identified in the February  
1.14 2001 Dump Assessment Study report to the legislature;

1.15 (ii) an unpermitted disposal site listed on the Pollution Control Agency website as a  
1.16 potentially contaminated site; or

1.17 (iii) a site known by a county solid waste officer to have been an unpermitted mixed  
1.18 municipal solid waste disposal site; and

1.19 (3) "school" means buildings, playgrounds, and athletic fields used by students at:

1.20 (i) a public school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17; or

2.1 (ii) a charter school established and operated under chapter 124E.

2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.