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H. F. No. 244

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; health; requiring school districts to conduct radon testing;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.571.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.571, is amended to read:

1.6 123B.571 RADON TESTING.

1.7 Subdivision 1. ~~Voluntary Plan.~~ The commissioners of health and education ~~may~~ must
1.8 jointly develop a plan to ~~encourage~~ require school districts to accurately and efficiently test
1.9 for the presence of radon in public school buildings serving students in kindergarten through
1.10 grade 12. For purposes of this section, buildings also include the Minnesota State Academies
1.11 in Faribault and the Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley. To the extent
1.12 possible, the commissioners shall base the plan on the standards established by the United
1.13 States Environmental Protection Agency.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Radon testing.** A school district ~~may~~ must include radon testing as a part of
1.15 its ten-year facility plan under section 123B.595, subdivision 4. ~~If a school district receives~~
1.16 ~~authority to use long-term facilities maintenance revenue to conduct radon testing,~~ The
1.17 district shall conduct the testing according to the radon testing plan developed by the
1.18 commissioners of health and education.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** A school district that has tested its school buildings for the presence
1.20 of radon ~~shall~~ must report the results of its tests to the Department of Health in a form and
1.21 manner prescribed by the commissioner of health and the Department of Education in a
1.22 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner of education. A school district that has

2.1 tested for the presence of radon ~~shall~~ must also report the results of its testing at a school
2.2 board meeting. Notwithstanding section 13.3805, subdivision 5, the results of radon testing
2.3 under this section are public data.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.