



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0895

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Rep. Karen May

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.31 new

Creates the Green Cleaning Schools Act. Requires the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council (IGGCC), in consultation with other agencies, to establish and amend on an annual basis guidelines and specifications for environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products for use in school facilities. Provides that by no later than 90 days after implementation of the guidelines and specifications, all elementary and secondary public and non-public schools shall establish a green cleaning policy and exclusively purchase and use environmentally-sensitive cleaning products pursuant to the guidelines and specifications, except that a school may deplete its existing cleaning and maintenance supply stocks and implement the new requirements in the procurement cycle for the following school year. Provides for dissemination of the guidelines and specifications to schools. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Green
5 Cleaning Schools Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. Children are vulnerable
7 to and may be severely affected by exposure to chemicals,
8 hazardous waste, and other environmental hazards. The Federal
9 Environmental Protection Agency estimates that human exposure
10 to indoor air pollutants can be 2 to 5 times and up to 100 times
11 higher than outdoor levels. Children, teachers, janitors, and
12 other staff members spend a significant amount of time inside
13 school buildings and are continuously exposed to chemicals from
14 cleaners, waxes, deodorizers, and other maintenance products.

15 Section 10. Use of green cleaning supplies. By no later
16 than 90 days after implementation of the guidelines and
17 specifications established under Section 15 of this Act, all
18 elementary and secondary public and non-public schools shall
19 establish a green cleaning policy and exclusively purchase and
20 use environmentally-sensitive cleaning products pursuant to
21 the guidelines and specifications established under Section 15
22 this Act. However, a school may deplete its existing cleaning

1 and maintenance supply stocks and implement the new
2 requirements in the procurement cycle for the following school
3 year.

4 Section 15. Green cleaning supply guidelines and
5 specifications. The Illinois Green Government Coordinating
6 Council (IGGCC) shall, in consultation with at a minimum the
7 Department of Public Health, the State Board of Education,
8 regional offices of education, and the Illinois Environmental
9 Protection Agency, establish and amend on an annual basis
10 guidelines and specifications for environmentally-sensitive
11 cleaning and maintenance products for use in school facilities.
12 Guidelines and specifications must be established after a
13 review and evaluation of existing research and must be
14 completed no later than 180 days after the effective date of
15 this Act. Guidelines and specifications may include
16 implementation practices, including inspection. The completed
17 guidelines and specifications must be posted on the IGGCC's
18 Internet website.

19 Section 20. Dissemination to schools.

20 (a) Upon the completion of the guidelines and
21 specifications under Section 15 of this Act, the IGGCC shall
22 provide each regional office of education, each private school
23 in this State, and the Chicago Department of Environment with
24 the guidelines and specifications. Each regional office of

1 education shall immediately disseminate the guidelines and
2 specifications to every public school in the educational
3 service region. Regional offices of education, the Chicago
4 Department of Environment, and the IGGCC shall provide on-going
5 assistance to schools to carry out the requirements of this
6 Act.

7 (b) In the event that the guidelines and specifications
8 under Section 15 of this Act are updated by the IGGCC, the
9 IGGCC shall provide the updates to each regional office of
10 education for immediate dissemination to each public school.
11 Additionally, the IGGCC shall post all updated materials on its
12 Internet website.

13 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
14 Section 8.31 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)

16 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
17 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
18 implementation of any mandate created by the Green Cleaning
19 Schools Act.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.