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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 107
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
HEALTHY SCHOOLS INDOOR ENVIRONMENT PORTAL.

WHEREAS, providing a safe and vibrant school environment is one of the most critical elements for students to learn, flourish, and develop; and

WHEREAS, recent concerns over both school indoor environment and safety have lead the local school districts and the Division of Public Health to conduct indoor air quality surveys; and

WHEREAS, the local school districts and the Division of Public Health have identified a need to leverage resources for schools to better address indoor environmental health and safety across the State; and

WHEREAS, identifying these resources and improving collaboration between the Division of Public Health, the Department of Education, and the local school districts will better address potential environmental and safety concerns across the districts.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Part I of Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

Chapter 43. Healthy Schools Indoor Environment Portal.

§ 4301. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Indoor environment” means the overall potential health factors within a specific school, including air quality, mold levels, and other potentially harmful toxins.

§ 4302. Collaboration with Local School Districts.

The Division of Public Health and the Department of Education shall collaborate with local school districts to identify information and technical resources to guide schools in improving the indoor environment.

§ 4303. Indoor Environment Portal.

The Division of Public Health shall provide technical expertise and information support to local school districts in addressing indoor environment concerns by establishing an information portal on the Delaware Health and Social Services website.

§4304. Notification to School Districts.

The Department of Education shall provide notification to local school districts of the newly created portal at least once per school year.

§ 4305. Access to the Division of Public Health

Every public school within a local school district shall post the contact number for the Division of Public Health in a location for public display.

§ 4306. Cooperation with the Division of Public Health

The Division of Public Health shall have the authority to make unannounced visits to any public school within a local school district for the purpose of complying with this chapter. No public school official shall attempt to prohibit any unannounced visit by the Division of Public Health when acting pursuant to this chapter.