

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th)

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2014

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN ALL PUBLIC AND
2 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE
3 STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTING AND
4 INSPECTING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT
5 INSTALLED IN PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) Effective July 1, 2020, the State Fire
9 Marshal shall adopt and administer regulations providing for
10 carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in all public or
11 nonpublic school buildings.

12 (2) The regulations shall provide:

13 (a) The requirements for markings and literature which
14 shall accompany such equipment sufficient to inform the
15 appropriate school officials responsible for such buildings of the
16 purpose, protective limitations and correct installation,
17 operating, testing, maintenance and replacement procedures and
18 servicing instructions for such equipment;



19 (b) That smoke detection and warning equipment which is
20 installed in such school building shall be capable of sensing
21 visible or invisible smoke particles;

22 (c) That the manner and location of installing smoke
23 detectors shall be approved by the local fire department;

24 (d) That such installation shall not exceed the
25 standards under which such equipment was tested and approved; and

26 (e) That such equipment, when activated, shall provide
27 an alarm suitable to warn the occupants.

28 (3) The regulations shall:

29 (a) Provide the requirements for testing and inspecting
30 carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment installed in
31 public or nonpublic school buildings and shall include, but not be
32 limited to, the frequency with which such equipment shall be
33 tested and inspected;

34 (b) Require that, for a public or nonpublic school
35 building:

36 (i) Any carbon monoxide detection equipment
37 installed in any such building meet or exceed the Underwriter's
38 Laboratories Standard Number 2075; or

39 (ii) Any carbon monoxide warning equipment
40 installed in any such building meet or exceed the Underwriter's
41 Laboratories Standard Number 2034;

42 (c) Require the installation and maintenance of such
43 detection or warning equipment to comply with the manufacturer's



44 instructions and with the standards set forth by the National Fire
45 Protection Association; and

46 (d) Prohibit, for public and nonpublic school
47 buildings, the installation of any battery-operated carbon
48 monoxide warning equipment or any plug-in carbon monoxide warning
49 equipment that has a battery as its back-up power source.

50 (4) (a) No local school board, superintendent or
51 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school, and

52 (b) No employee, officer or agent of such school, board
53 or supervisory agent, acting without malice, in good faith and
54 within the scope of his or her employment or official duties shall
55 be liable for any damage to any person or property resulting from
56 the failure to detect carbon monoxide within a public school
57 building, provided carbon monoxide detection equipment is
58 installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's
59 published instructions and with the regulations established
60 pursuant to this section.

61 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 2020.

