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To: Education;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2623

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; TO PROVIDE THAT  
6 THIS ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO BUILDINGS WHOSE SOLE EDUCATIONAL USE  
7 IS FOR HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Effective July 1, 2025, the State Fire  
10 Marshal shall adopt and administer regulations providing for  
11 carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in all public or  
12 nonpublic school buildings.

13 (2) The regulations shall provide:

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



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

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

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

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

29 (3) The regulations shall:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

(5) This section shall not apply to buildings whose sole educational use is for home instruction programs under Section 37-13-91.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

