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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



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

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

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

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

62 (5) This section shall not apply to buildings whose sole
63 educational use is for home instruction programs under Section
64 37-13-91.

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

