

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
 AB 2260 (Shelley)
 As Amended August 30, 2000
 Majority vote

ASSEMBLY: 44-32 (June 1, 2000)
 SENATE: 24-13 (August 31, 2000)

Original Committee Reference: E.S. & T.M.

SUMMARY : Establishes the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, including intent that pests be managed in accordance with effective, least toxic practices; notifies parents and others about prospective and current pesticide applications at schoolsites.

The Senate amendments make the following changes:

- 1) Substitute the term "schoolsites" for "school facilities" and limit the scope of schoolsites to exclude any postsecondary educational facilities attended by secondary pupils or any private day care or school facilities.
- 2) Include Internet-based information on pesticides and use reduction practices.
- 3) Delete provisions requiring establishment of an ombudsperson with the Department of Health Services.
- 4) Delete provisions requiring the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to convene a task force.
- 5) Establish intent for the state to promote effective, least toxic pest management practices at schools and states legislative intent for schools to adopt training of personnel in the use of pesticides.
- 6) Exempt agricultural vocational education programs from notification, posting, and record-retention requirements for pesticide application.

AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY , this bill:

- 1) Required school facilities to conduct effective least toxic pest management practices in order to reduce children's

exposures to toxic pesticides with specified exemptions.

- 2) Required a schoolsite to maintain a four-year record of pesticide applications in accordance with the California Public Records Act or a specified equivalent.
- 3) Required school districts to provide written notice to parents for all pesticides expected to be applied in the upcoming year as part of an existing notice of information that goes to parents at the beginning of the school year. The added information includes any pesticide posing a specified short-term or long-term health hazard. The notification requirement contains certain caveats for the following situations:
 - a) Individuals registered to receive more specific information regarding the materials to be applied;
 - b) Pesticides not included in the annual list, in which case written notice shall be provided 72 hours prior to application; and,
 - c) Pesticides with specified short-term or long-term health hazards, in which case the school district shall be provide listed information 72 hours prior to application.
- 4) Required school districts to provide notification in the least costly manner.
- 5) Exempted notification requirements during specified emergencies.
- 6) Required school districts to post pesticide application areas with warning signs.
- 7) Exempted schools that are operated by the California Youth Authority (CYA) from general notification requirements, and

requires information to be directed to the chief medical officer of a CYA facility.

- 8) Exempted pesticides used as a result of cooperative agreements for the purpose of controlling flies, rodents, or other pests of public health importance.
- 9) Required school facilities to adopt effective least toxic pest

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management practices as the preferred pest control method with exceptions for specified pesticide products and application practices.

- 10) Required the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to designate a list of pesticides of special concern with specified exceptions.
- 11) Required DPR to facilitate the adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) programs, including consistency with pertinent materials developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in conjunction with satisfying a list of specified criteria.
- 12) Required DPR to deliver a model integrated pest management (IPM) guidebook to all school districts.
- 13) Required DPR to establish and maintain an Internet Web site identifying least-hazardous practices.
- 14) Required DPR to establish an IPM training program, including:
- a) A method for rapidly and broadly disseminating program information;
 - b) Curriculum development in cooperation with the University of California and the California State University systems; and,
 - c) Prioritizing outreach programs.
- 15) Required DPR to incorporate applications by licensed and certified pest control operators into pesticide use reporting requirements.
- 16) Required the Department of Health Services (DHS), in consultation with the Department of Education, the Department of General Services, the State Air Resources Control Board, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and DPR, to develop a manual for guiding school officials regarding indoor environmental quality and to have the manual distributed by DHS to every school district in the state by January 1, 2002. In addition, this bill also:
- a) Required DHS in consultation with SDE to establish a

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training program based on the manual; and,

- b) Provided legislative intent for appropriations to make training available to all schools.
- 17) Required the Secretary of Environmental Protection and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to evaluate all public health and environmental exposures identified site-based and ambient contaminants that:
- a) Required the task force to solicit input from various groups and organizations; and,
 - b) Required the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2002.
- 18) Established within DHS a Healthy Schools Ombudsman (HSO) that:
- a) Required HSO to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number;
 - b) Required HSO to develop a guidebook concerning

resources; and,

- c) Required DHS to distribute the guidebook to every school district in the state by January 1, 2002 and requires HSO to carry out specified duties.

FISCAL EFFECT : According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee analysis, the costs are not fully known, but potentially substantial.

COMMENTS : None

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