

HB 2684 A -A3, -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires school boards to review, update, and post online the integrated pest management plan, including a low-impact pesticide list. The measure requires plans adopted prior to the effective date of the act to be updated either by January 1, 2027, or within five years of the most recent approval. The measure also modifies the definition of campus to include school gardens.

Fiscal Impact: Has minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue Impact: No revenue impact.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes 51, Nays 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current timeframe for reviewing the integrated pest management plan
- The list for pesticides and pest control use in schools
- Addition of school gardens in schools
- Rural involvement in the development of the 5 year plan
- Development of the pesticides list
- Timeline of the development

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 The amendment modifies the products excluded from the integrated pest management plan to exclude products on the most recent list of chemicals evaluated for carcinogenic potential by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

-A4 The amendment removes the low impact pesticide list requirement for the integrated pest management plan and instead only requires that a governing body adopt a list and make it publicly available through the governing body website or in the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Integrated Pest Management plans (IPM) use information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment in combination with available pest control methods to manage pest damage by economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

In 2009, [Senate Bill 637](#) required school boards to adopt an IPM plan for each school. In addition to the IPM plan, a school board must adopt of a low impact pesticides list for each school which lists pesticides for use in the IPM plan.