

HB 2684 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Hudson

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/24/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Dobson, Harbick, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Ruiz, Wright

Exc: 1 - Nguyen H

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/19, 3/24

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.

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment allows school boards to include the integrated pest management plan in the healthy and safe schools plan posted on the school board's website. It combines the low-impact pesticide list with the integrated pest management 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.