

HB 2684 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Gorsek**Senate Committee On Education****Action Date:** 05/19/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 3-2-0-0**Yeas:** 3 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Sollman**Nays:** 2 - Robinson, Weber**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow**Meeting Dates:** 4/16, 5/19**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires school boards to review, update, and post online or in the Healthy and Safe School plan (HASS) the integrated pest management plan. It requires that a school's governing body to adopt a low-impact pesticide list and post it online or in a HASS. 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
- Rural involvement in the development of the 5-year plan
- Development of the pesticides list
- Timeline of the development

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes the low impact pesticide list requirement for the integrated pest management plan and instead 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.

Current law also requires school districts, educational service districts, and public charter schools to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe School Plans to address environmental conditions in facilities regularly used by students or staff. Districts and schools must make test results available within 10 business days of receiving results and districts and school must provide an annual statement to governing bodies, parents and students.