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SENATE BILL DRS35144-NK-30

Short Title: Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, Galey, and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE
3 ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON
4 GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall survey all identified public schools
7 to determine the number of existing school buildings that are currently not equipped with carbon
8 monoxide alarm and detection systems but would have to install those systems if required to be
9 in compliance with the requirements for new buildings in Section 915 of the North Carolina State
10 Building Code, Fire Prevention Code (non-equipped buildings). The State Board of Education
11 shall also survey all identified public schools to determine the need and implementation of radon
12 gas testing. The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
13 Oversight Committee the following information no later than December 15, 2023:

- 14 (1) The number of non-equipped buildings statewide, and by identified public
15 school.
16 (2) The estimated cost statewide, and by the identified public school, to permit,
17 install, and inspect all non-equipped buildings with carbon monoxide alarm
18 and detection systems and radon gas testing.

19 For purposes of this section, "identified public schools" shall refer to (i) schools in a
20 public school unit, as defined in G.S. 115C-5(7a), except charter schools, (ii) the North Carolina
21 School of Science and Mathematics, (iii) the University of North Carolina School of the Arts,
22 (iv) schools operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, and (v) schools operated
23 by the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

