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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Stebbins of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington,
Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Hooper of
Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of
Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and
Small of Winooski

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; public health; indoor air quality;
hazardous materials; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); testing of
schools

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Secretary of Natural Resources, on or before April 15, 2022, to submit to the
House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate
Committee on Natural Resources and Energy a detailed proposal for the testing
of schools in the State for the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The proposal shall include:

(1) the standard or action level that the Secretary of Natural Resources
shall use to test schools for the presence of PCBs and, if that standard or action
level varies from the Department of Health standard or action level previously

1 used to test schools, why the standard or action level is different and how the
2 new standard or action level would have altered any previous response to
3 detection of PCB levels in a school;

4 (2) a plan for testing or sampling schools in the State for the presence of
5 PCBs and the justification or basis for the plan;

6 (3) a methodology for testing or sampling for the presence of PCBs in
7 schools, including who will conduct testing, what types of testing will be used,
8 when testing will occur, if testing will occur when students and staff are
9 present, and how testing will be funded;

10 (4) the proposed response to be required by the State and a school when
11 testing or sampling of a school detects PCBs at the standard or action level
12 identified by the Secretary of Natural Resources under subdivision (1) of this
13 bill;

14 (5) how the State intends to fund remediation of schools where
15 detectable PCB levels are found to exceed testing standards or action levels,
16 including when such funding will be made available to schools currently
17 remediating actionable PCB levels in schools; and

18 (6) the specific public process that the Secretary of Natural Resources
19 shall follow generally and for individual schools or school districts when
20 implementing testing, sampling, responding to, and remediating PCBs in
21 schools.

1 An act relating to the Agency of Natural Resources' testing of schools for
2 the presence of PCBs

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)