

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 542
3 entitled “An act relating to terminating testing of schools in Vermont for
4 polychlorinated biphenyls” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the report of the Committee on Education be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 1, Environmental Contingency Fund; PCBs
8 testing in schools, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:
9 Sec. 1. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.709.1, as amended by 2022
10 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 8, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.
11 C.111, is further amended to read:

12 Sec. E.709.1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY FUND;
13 POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) TESTING
14 IN SCHOOLS

15 (a) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 1283, of the funds transferred in
16 Sec. D.101(a) of this act to the Environmental Contingency Fund, the
17 Department of Environmental Conservation, in consultation with the
18 Department of Health and the Agency of Education, shall use up to \$4,500,000
19 to complete air indoor quality testing for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in
20 public schools and approved and recognized independent schools that were

1 constructed or renovated before 1980. All schools subject to this subsection
2 shall test for PCBs on or before ~~July 1, 2027~~ August 1, 2035.

3 Second: In Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 6618a, School Polychlorinated Biphenyl
4 Program Fund, by striking out subdivision (a)(2) in its entirety and inserting in
5 lieu thereof the following:

6 (2) Any litigation recovery by the State for the costs of addressing PCB
7 contamination in schools, less attorney's fees and costs.

8 and in subdivision (a)(3), by striking out the word "appropriated" where it
9 appears and inserting in lieu thereof the word "transferred"

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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17 Senator _____

18 FOR THE COMMITTEE