

House Bill 718

By: Representatives Crawford of the 129th and Jamieson of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 education, so as to authorize and direct the Department of Human Resources and the State
3 Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations relating to annual inspection by
4 county boards of health of the indoor air quality of public schools; to provide for testing and
5 notice, additional inspections and testing, and alterations of schools in certain circumstances;
6 to provide that related records are subject to public inspection; to provide for related matters;
7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is
11 amended in Part 3 of Article 16, relating to health of students, by inserting a new Code
12 section to be designated Code Section 20-2-774 to read as follows:

13 "20-2-774.

14 (a) The Department of Human Resources is authorized and directed, in cooperation with
15 the State Department of Education, to promulgate rules and regulations to provide for
16 annual inspection of public schools for indoor air quality by county boards of health. Such
17 rules and regulations shall provide for testing of air quality to the extent necessary to ensure
18 healthy indoor air quality, for notice to employees and parents or guardians of students
19 attending any school with a significant problem regarding indoor air quality, and for
20 additional testing and inspection of such a school after alterations in the school to improve
21 indoor air quality.

22 (b) The State Department of Education is authorized and directed to promulgate rules and
23 regulations requiring cooperation with any inspections, tests, notices, and alterations to
24 schools required by subsection (a) of this Code section or by rules and regulations
25 promulgated in accordance with such subsection.

1 (c) Records relating to any inspection or test of indoor air quality in public schools
2 required by this Code section or rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with this
3 Code section shall be public records open for inspection pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter
4 18 of Title 50."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.