

House Bill 241

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and  
2 housing, so as to require indoor air quality assessments of all public buildings; to provide for  
3 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is  
8 amended by adding at the end thereof a new chapter to read as follows:

9 style="text-align:center">"CHAPTER 8

10 8-8-1.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Agency' means the State of Georgia and any branch, department, agency, division,  
13 board, bureau, entity, official, employee, or agent of the state and any county,  
14 municipality, school district, consolidated government, or authority created by or  
15 pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia or any general or local law of this  
16 state and any official, employee, or agent of any such entity.

17 (2) 'Building operator' means the owner, the owner's agent, or the building manager of  
18 any public building or, in the case of a public building which is leased to a tenant who is  
19 responsible for the operation of the building, the tenant or the tenant's building manager.

20 (3) 'Public building' means a building owned or leased by an agency, which is open to  
21 the public, including but not limited to the following:

22 (A) Any building which provides facilities or shelter for public use or assembly or  
23 which is used for educational, office, or institutional purposes; and

24 (B) Any library, museum, school, hospital, auditorium, dormitory, or university  
25 building.

26 (b) Prior to January 1, 2021, the building operator of any public building shall undertake  
27 an assessment of the air quality of the public building pursuant to the Indoor Air Quality  
28 Building Education and Assessment Model, I-BEAM, developed by the United States  
29 Environmental Protection Agency."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
32 without such approval.

33 **SECTION 3.**

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