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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1413, L.D. 1969, Bill, “An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Carcinogens”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742-G is enacted to read:

§1742-G. Bureau of General Services; inventory of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health in state-owned and state-leased buildings

1. Initial inventory. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall inventory all state-owned office buildings to identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health. The department shall require property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and provide the results of the inventory to the bureau prior to executing a new lease or renewing or extending an existing lease and, with respect to a lease that on the effective date of this subsection has a remaining term of more than 2 years, within 12 months of the effective date of this subsection. The bureau shall enter the results of the inventories into the database established and maintained by the bureau pursuant to subsection 2.

2. Database. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall keep and maintain an electronic database including, for each state-owned office building or state-leased building:

A. The results of the inventories completed by the bureau and by the property owners of state-leased buildings pursuant to subsection 1 and inventories completed by the bureau on other state buildings;

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1 B. Detailed plans for the remediation, abatement or containment of asbestos, lead,
2 black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health found in state-
3 owned office buildings and state-leased buildings; and

4 C. Data on the completion of planned remediation, abatement or containment.

5 **3. Access to database.** The database kept and maintained pursuant to subsection 2
6 must be readily accessible electronically to:

7 A. Collective bargaining agents of employees who work in state-owned office
8 buildings or state-leased buildings;

9 B. State employees whose usual work site is a state-owned office building or state-
10 leased building that contains asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may
11 be harmful to human health;

12 C. Individuals who perform maintenance, repair and custodial services in state-
13 owned office buildings or state-leased buildings;

14 D. Firefighters responsible for providing services to a state-owned building or state-
15 leased building;

16 E. The Department of Labor;

17 F. The Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control
18 and Prevention; and

19 G. Members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
20 over state and local government matters.

21 **4. Building maintenance or repair.** Prior to any maintenance or repair of a state-
22 owned building by a person employed by a state agency, the Department of
23 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall review the
24 building's records in the database kept and maintained pursuant to subsection 2 or
25 inventory the building if the building has not already been inventoried pursuant to
26 subsection 1 and add the results of the inventory into the database established and
27 maintained pursuant to subsection 2. If asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances
28 that may be harmful to human health are found in the state-owned building to be
29 maintained or repaired by a person employed by a state agency, the bureau shall inform
30 the person performing the maintenance or repair work and provide appropriate protective
31 gear.

32 **5. Monitoring, abatement and remediation.** To promote a safe and healthy
33 environment in state-owned office buildings, the division of safety and environmental
34 services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
35 General Services shall:

36 A. Provide statewide monitoring of state-owned office buildings to continuously
37 identify the presence of health hazards in the buildings, including, but not limited to,
38 asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health;

39 B. Conduct routine building inventories and testing as appropriate to discover and
40 assess the presence of health hazards in state-owned office buildings, including, but

1 not limited to, asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to
2 human health;

3 C. Identify any abatement, remediation, containment and maintenance necessary to
4 address and prevent potential health hazards in state-owned office buildings,
5 including, but not limited to, asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may
6 be harmful to human health; and

7 D. Work with state departments and state agencies to develop safety protocols and
8 train state employees on safety protocols.

9 **6. Biennial report.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall
10 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
11 state and local government matters that describes the conditions of state-owned office
12 buildings and state-leased buildings and areas of concern by February 1st of every odd-
13 numbered year.

14 **7. Rules.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may adopt rules
15 to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine
16 technical rules pursuant to chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 **Sec. 2. Safety education; black mold standards; safety committees.** The
18 Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Labor shall
19 work together with collective bargaining organizations representing state employees to
20 promote health and safety education of state employees, identify appropriate standards for
21 black mold prevention and remediation in state-owned office buildings and state-leased
22 buildings similar to the standards recommended by the United States Environmental
23 Protection Agency and develop a framework for regionally based safety committees.

24 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
25 allocations are made.

26 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
27 **Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

28 Initiative: Establishes 2 Engineering Technician IV positions to carry out the
29 requirements of this bill.

30	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
31	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
32	Personal Services	\$0	\$95,243
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34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$95,243

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36 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
37 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned office buildings to determine the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may be harmful to human health. It requires property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and report the results to the bureau. The amendment requires the bureau to establish and maintain a database containing the results of the inventories and make the database easily accessible electronically to employee collective bargaining agents, employees working in state office buildings with asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may be harmful to human health, individuals who perform maintenance, repair or custodial services, firefighters, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It requires the database to be consulted before maintenance of or repair to a state-owned building by a state employee and the provision of protective gear to the employee if appropriate. The department is required to submit a biennial report and may adopt rules to implement these requirements.

The amendment also provides funding for personnel in the bureau to carry out the requirements of this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)