

Resolution 18: Support for Illinois House Bill 429 - Indoor Air Quality in Schools

Sponsored by Rep. Camille Lilly, Illinois

House Resolution Supporting Illinois House Bill 429 - Indoor Air Quality in Schools

WHEREAS, Public safety remains a paramount responsibility of state legislatures, particularly in addressing the safety and well-being of children as they attend school; and

WHEREAS, Illinois House Bill 429 (HB0429) amends the School Code regarding indoor air quality in Illinois schools; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls on the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop an educational document explaining, at a minimum, the values of good indoor air quality, which shall then be supplied to school districts in the form of a Portable Document Format (PDF) within one year after an appropriation is made for the purpose of this bill; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls on school districts to supply all active classroom instructors, school staff, school administrators, and district leadership with the educational document developed by the State Board in the form of a PDF and a physical format; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls on school districts to ensure that all active classrooms that are not mechanically ventilated have at least two properly functioning windows, or one window in situations where only one is present, that can open and can safely stay open, and that school districts must be in compliance with this rule within two years after funding is made available to school districts for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to ensure that all active classrooms are equipped with an air quality monitor or sensor that is installed and operating and states each school must record all incidents relating to said air quality monitor or sensor for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to ensure that all active classrooms are equipped with an in-room air cleaner that is installed and operating; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to supply each school within their respective districts with five additional in-room air cleaners and five additional air quality monitors or sensors to be used in the school health office, the school library, the school cafeteria, and other similar school spaces; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon the regional office of education or intermediate service center for a school district to undertake a ventilation verification assessment of all mechanical ventilation systems in a school district; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to ensure that all active classrooms that are not mechanically ventilated have at least two properly functioning windows, or one window in situations where only one is

present, that can open and can safely stay open, and states school districts must be in compliance within two years after funding is made available to them; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to ensure that all active classrooms are equipped with an air quality monitor or sensor that is installed and operating, with each school recording all incidents in which the recommended parts-per-million (PPM) level was breached in a classroom and maintaining those records for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to ensure that all active classrooms are equipped with an in-room air cleaner that is installed and operating; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon school districts to supply each school within their respective districts with five additional in-room air cleaners and five additional air quality monitors or sensors to be used in the school health office, the school library, the school cafeteria, and other similar school spaces; and

WHEREAS, HB0429 calls upon the State Board of Education to undertake a ventilation verification assessment of all mechanical ventilation systems in school districts; and

WHEREAS, The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) supports HB0429 and urges its swift passage; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the swift passage of Illinois House Bill 429 (HB0429), amending the School Code regarding indoor air quality in Illinois schools to better ensure the safety and well-being of schoolchildren.