



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4903

Introduced 2/7/2024, by Rep. Laura Faver Dias

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-100 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the Air Quality in Schools Task Force. Provides that the purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly on air quality goals for elementary, middle, and high schools, processes to assess current ventilation systems in schools, processes to improve ventilation after assessment, and potential State and federal funding sources to improve school air quality in this State. Sets forth the members of the task force. Provides that the State Board of Education shall provide administrative assistance and necessary staff support services. Provides that the task force shall meet at the call of the State Superintendent of Education and issue recommendations for elementary and secondary schools, in a report to the General Assembly, relating to best practices to better assess current ventilation systems in schools and to improve their overall maintenance, as well as identify potential infrastructure needs and funding sources.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 22-100 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-100 new)

7 Sec. 22-100. Air Quality in Schools Task Force.

8 (a) The Air Quality in Schools Task Force is created. The
9 purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations
10 to the General Assembly on air quality goals for elementary,
11 middle, and high schools, processes to assess current
12 ventilation systems in schools, processes to improve
13 ventilation after assessment, and potential State and federal
14 funding sources to improve school air quality in this State.

15 The task force shall consist of all of the following
16 members:

17 (1) One member of the State Board of Education,
18 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

19 (2) One member appointed by the Director of the
20 Environmental Protection Agency.

21 (3) One member from a group representing school boards
22 in this State, appointed by the State Superintendent of
23 Education.

1 (4) One member from a labor union that trains
2 individuals to perform ventilation assessments and work on
3 ventilation systems in large buildings, appointed by the
4 State Superintendent of Education.

5 (5) One member from a labor union representing
6 teachers in this State, appointed by the State
7 Superintendent of Education.

8 (6) Two parents of students currently attending
9 school, appointed by the State Superintendent of
10 Education.

11 (7) One member appointed by the Director of Public
12 Health.

13 (8) One member of a disability rights organization,
14 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

15 Members of the task force shall serve without
16 compensation.

17 (b) The State Board of Education shall provide
18 administrative assistance and necessary staff support
19 services.

20 (c) The task force shall meet at the call of the State
21 Superintendent of Education and issue recommendations for
22 elementary and secondary schools, in a report to the General
23 Assembly, relating to best practices to better assess current
24 ventilation systems in schools and to improve their overall
25 maintenance, as well as identify potential infrastructure
26 needs. The recommendations shall also identify potential State

1 and federal funding sources to assist schools in improving
2 identified infrastructure and ventilation needs.