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INSPECT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

House Bill 4143

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4143 AS INTRODUCED 2-3-93

The bill would, generally speaking, bring school buildings under the State Construction Code Act. The school building construction act (Public Act 306 of 1937) would be repealed. The responsibility for administering and enforcing the code would lie with the director of the bureau of construction codes in the Department of Labor. However, the director would be required to delegate the responsibility to the applicable local enforcing agency if both the school board and governing body of the local governmental subdivision certified to the construction code commission that full-time code officials, inspectors, and plan reviewers registered under the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act would conduct plan reviews and inspections of school buildings.

If there was no delegation of responsibility, the bureau of construction codes would perform for school buildings all plan reviews and inspections required by the code. A school building could not be constructed, remodeled, or reconstructed after the effective date of the bill until written approval of the plans and specifications had been obtained from the bureau indicating the school building would be designed and constructed in conformance with the code. (This would not apply to any school building for which construction had begun before the effective date of the bill.) The bill would not affect the responsibilities of the state fire marshal under the Fire Prevention Code.

A definition of "school building" would be added to the construction code. The definition would refer to a structure in which six or more pupils receive instruction. The term would also mean a structure owned, leased, or under the control of a public or private K to 12 school system or a community college or junior college. The term would not apply to a structure owned, leased, or under the control of a college or university.

The bill also would eliminate a provision that reads "Locally adopted codes shall not apply to public or nonpublic schools within the governmental subdivision without concurrence by the school authorities having jurisdiction."

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