

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 275****2015 Regular Session****Guinn**

PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES: Provides with respect to the use of pest control products in certain school classrooms

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes a provision that would have required the commissioner of agriculture to assess a fee not to exceed \$125 for the administrative cost of renewing the integrated pest management plan.
2. Adds a provision that requires each city, parish, or other local public school board to submit a single, comprehensive integrated pest management plan for all schools under its jurisdiction.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law defines "school" as any public or private day or residential school that provides elementary or secondary education. Proposed law modifies present law by adding pre-kindergarten to the definition.

Present law prohibits the application of any herbicide, rodenticide, insecticide, or restricted use pesticide, on a non-fee basis for grass and weed control, rodent and general pest control in, on, or around structures or grounds of any school that provides education to kindergarten through 12th grade classes, unless that person is a certified commercial applicator or is under the supervision of a certified applicator as provided for in proposed law. Proposed law modifies present law by adding pre-kindergarten, thereby requiring a certified commercial applicator or a person under the supervision of a certified applicator to apply any herbicide, rodenticide, insecticide, or restricted use pesticide in, on, or around structures or grounds of pre-kindergarten schools.

Proposed law requires each city, parish, or other local public school board to submit a single, comprehensive integrated pest management plan for all schools under its jurisdiction.

(Amends R.S. 3:3382(3), 3386(A) and 3388(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Allow the commissioner of agriculture to assess an annual fee not to exceed \$125 for administrative costs of reviewing the plan.