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HB 275 Reengrossed

2015 Regular Session

Guinn

Abstract: Regulates the use of pest control products and product application in pre-kindergarten schools. Modifies the definition of "school". Provides for an annual administrative fee.

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

<u>Present law</u> 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 <u>proposed law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commissioner of agriculture to assess an annual fee not to exceed \$125 for the administrative cost of reviewing the annual integrated pest management plan.

(Amends R.S. 3:3382(3) and 3386(A); Adds R.S. 3:3388(H))

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.