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SENATE BILL NO. 200

BY SENATOR MORRELL

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Requires DEQ to conduct an inspection of certain school buildings for the presence of lead hazards. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2351.28(B) and enact R.S. 30:2351.28(C), relative to
3	environmental quality; to require DEQ to test school buildings and surrounding
4	grounds constructed prior to 1978 for the presence of lead materials and report its
5	findings annually to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 30:2351.28(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8	30:2351.28(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§2351.28. Data collection program
10	* * *
11	B. The department shall conduct an inspection of all public and non-
12	public elementary and secondary school buildings and surrounding grounds
13	constructed prior to 1978 for the presence of lead hazards and shall report its
14	findings to the legislature on an annual basis until all testing is complete.
15	$\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$. The secretary may enter into agreements with the Department of Health and
16	Hospitals to implement this Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that the secretary of DEQ may establish a program for the collection and analysis of data on lead hazard detection and reduction activities in the state and on the certification, accreditation and enforcement activities of the department.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the secretary may enter into agreements with the Department of Health and Hospitals to implement detection and reduction of lead activities in the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DEQ to inspect all public and non-public elementary and secondary school buildings and surrounding grounds constructed prior to 1978 for the presence of lead hazards and further requires the department to report its findings to the legislature annually.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 30:2351.28(B); adds R.S. 30:2351.28(C))