

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

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DIGEST

**Abstract:** Regulates the use of pest control products and product application in pre-kindergarten schools. Modifies the definition of "school". Provides relative to integrated pest management plans.

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.

Present law requires the governing authority of each school, including but not limited to superintendents, headmasters, school boards, boards of directors, chief executive officers, or principals, to prepare and submit, for each school under its authority, an annual integrated pest management plan that applies integrated pest management strategies of pest prevention methods and strongly recommends the least toxic methods of control for grass and weed control, and rodent and general pest control in, on, or around school structures and grounds.

Proposed law retains present law.

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the reengrossed bill

1. Removes provisions that required the commissioner of agriculture to assess an annual fee not to exceed \$125 for the administrative costs of reviewing the annual integrated pest management plan.
2. 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.