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 12/18/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

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(A112, R16, H3127)

**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MOLD ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF MOLD IN PUBLIC AREAS AND TO ASCERTAIN THE BEST METHOD OF ABATEMENT FOR MOLD IN PUBLIC AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN GOALS FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO DISSOLVE THE STUDY COMMITTEE.**

Whereas, there is not a state agency that regulates mold remediation; and

Whereas, mold presents a public health issue when present in older public buildings; and

Whereas, aging infrastructure in South Carolina presents an ever‑growing opportunity for exposure, especially to young children in public schools; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly of South Carolina to study the issue of mold to ascertain policy initiatives to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its most vulnerable citizens. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Mold Abatement and Remediation Study Committee established**

SECTION 1. (A) There is created the Mold Abatement and Remediation Study Committee to study the health effects of mold in public areas and to ascertain the best method of abatement for the mold. The study committee shall:

 (1) examine public policy issues relative to mold in public buildings in South Carolina;

 (2) ascertain the impacts on public health with a focus on children in public schools;

 (3) propose policy initiatives to remediate or abate problems with mold, if necessary;

 (4) determine proactive steps to prevent the growth of mold;

 (5) identify best practices regarding how to make public buildings more resilient with regards to flooding events and mold growth; and

 (6) identify best practices regarding mold remediation.

 (B) The study committee must be comprised of three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. Staff from the Senate and House of Representatives shall assist the study committee.

 (C) The members of the study committee shall seek assistance from state agencies and members of the private sector including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the State Department of Education, the Association of Counties, the Municipal Association, the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, and the Associations of General Contractors, Realtors, and Home Builders.

 (D) The study committee shall provide a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2019, at which time the study committee shall dissolve.

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 19th day of March, 2019.

Approved the 20th day of March, 2019.

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