

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1239
SENATE BILL 1197

AN ACT TO PROVIDE MINIMUM SANITATION STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Commission for Health Services shall approve minimum sanitation standards for schools, subject to adoption by the State Board of Education. The sanitation standards approved by the Commission for Health Services shall cover such matters as the cleanliness of floors, walls, ceilings, storage spaces, and other facilities; adequacy of lighting, ventilation, water supply, toilet and lavatory facilities, liquid and solid waste disposal; and such other items and facilities as are necessary in the interest of the public health. It shall be the duty of the Department of Human Resources and its officers, sanitarians or agents to visit and inspect schools at least annually to determine compliance with the sanitation standards approved by the Commission for Health Services and to submit written reports on such visits or inspections to the State Board of Education on forms approved by the Commission for Health Services and provided by the Department of Human Resources. If a local administrative unit does not comply with the minimum sanitation standards adopted by the State Board, the Board may, at its discretion, require that the school administrative unit remit any unexpended funds provided by the State for custodial services.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each principal to make an inspection each month of buildings in his charge and file written reports with the superintendent of his administrative unit, reporting conditions as to cleanliness of floors, walls, ceilings, storage spaces, toilet and lavatory facilities; and such other items and facilities as are necessary in the interest of public health. Sample report blank forms shall be provided the principal upon his request by the Department of Human Resources. It shall be the duty of the principal to take immediate action to correct conditions conducive to uncleanliness of floors, walls, ceilings, storage spaces, toilet and lavatory facilities; and such other items and facilities as are necessary in the interest of public health.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of April, 1974.