

(c) (1) A county board may authorize the following persons to inspect a public school for asbestos containing material:

(i) School personnel who possess inspection credentials that are approved by the department, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; or

(ii) A representative of a business entity that possesses inspection credentials that are approved by the Department, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(2) The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, complying as a minimum, with all appropriate federal regulations.

(d) (1)] A county board shall keep a copy of each inspection report CONCERNING THE ASBESTOS INSPECTION of [a] EACH public school in the county.

[(2)](B) Each public school shall keep for review during regular school hours upon request by any member of the public a copy of the inspection report CONCERNING THE ASBESTOS INSPECTION at the public school.

EXPLANATION: Section 7-418 of the Education Article requires that each public school in the State be inspected for asbestos. The inspections have been completed, so staff recommends the repeal of subsections (a) through (c) of this section. Section 7-418(d), requiring retention of a report and availability of the report at each school, is a continuing requirement.

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(a) There is a county advisory council on vocational-technical education in each county.

(b) (1) [In a county that has an average daily public school attendance of less than 7,000, the council shall have at least 10 members.

(2) In a county that has an average daily public school attendance of at least 7,000, the council shall have at least 15 members.

(3)] THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL.

(2) [In addition to the membership provided in this subsection,] THE COUNCILS MAY INCLUDE educators and administrators in the field of education [may serve,] AS ex officio, [as] nonvoting members of the councils.

EXPLANATION: Section 21-101(b) requires that county advisory councils on vocational-technical education include a specified number of members, which varies based on the population of the county. Staff recommends that the statutory minimum be repealed and each county board of education be given discretion in establishing the appropriate council size.