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4 **SENATE BILL No. 622**

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6 By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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10 AN ACT concerning fire safety and prevention; relating to construction
11 standards of school buildings; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 31-150 and
12 repealing the existing section.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 31-150 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 31-150. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), the
17 construction of school buildings shall comply with the requirements of
18 the ~~1985~~ edition of the uniform building code, volume I, and the ~~1985~~
19 ~~edition of the uniform mechanical code, of the international conference~~
20 ~~of building officials~~ *2000 edition of the international building code, of the*
21 *international code council and the 2000 edition of the uniform mechanical*
22 *code as published by the international association of plumbing and me-*
23 *chanical officials or the 2000 edition of the international mechanical code*
24 *as published by the international codes council. All electric wiring shall*
25 *conform to requirements of the* ~~1984~~ *1999* issue of the national electric
26 code of the national fire protection association. Minimum plumbing
27 requirements shall meet the ~~1985~~ *2000* edition of the uniform plumbing
28 code issued by the international association of plumbing and mechanical
29 officials *or the 2000 edition of the international plumbing code as pub-*
30 *lished by the international codes council. The construction of school build-*
31 ~~ings shall comply with any special or more restrictive provisions of a~~
32 ~~municipality.~~

33 (b) The construction of mobile, modular, portable or relocatable
34 school buildings shall conform to the requirements of the ~~1985~~ *2000*
35 edition of the life safety code ~~as adopted and the 1999 edition of manu-~~
36 ~~factured housing~~ *as published* by the national fire protection association.
37 Minimum plumbing requirements shall meet the ~~1985~~ *2000* edition of
38 the uniform plumbing code issued by the international association of
39 plumbing and mechanical officials *or the 2000 edition of the international*
40 *plumbing code as published by the international codes council.*

41 (c) The construction of all school buildings shall conform to the pro-
42 visions for making buildings and facilities accessible to, and usable by,
43 persons with a disability, as required by K.S.A. 58-1301 through 58-1311,

1 and amendments thereto.

2 (d) No contract shall be let for the construction of any school build-
3 ing, and it shall be illegal to pay out any public funds for the construction
4 of a school building until the plans for such building shall: (1) Bear the
5 seal of an architect or a professional engineer licensed by the state board
6 of technical professions of the state of Kansas certifying that the plans
7 meet the applicable requirements of this act; and (2) be submitted to the
8 state board of education for approval as to compliance with such
9 requirements.

10 (e) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall not
11 apply to any building or structure operated or used for any purpose by,
12 or located upon the land of any community college, area vocational school,
13 area vocational-technical school, technical college, ~~or municipal univer-~~
14 ~~sity~~, institution under the governance of the state board of regents or
15 *other institutions of post secondary education as defined by K.S.A. 74-*
16 *3249, and amendments thereto*. Prior to construction of any new building
17 or remodeling of any existing building, all community colleges, area vo-
18 cational schools, area vocational-technical schools, technical colleges ~~and~~
19 *any municipal university*, institutions under the governance of the state
20 board of regents *or other institutions of post secondary education as de-*
21 *defined by K.S.A. 74-3249, and amendments thereto*, shall submit to the
22 state fire marshal a code footprint for evaluation and approval of the fire/
23 life safety features of such buildings.

24 (f) The relocation of school buildings to which the provisions of sub-
25 section (b) apply shall not be construed to be construction or reconstruc-
26 tion under the provisions, or for the purposes, of this section.

27 (g) The construction or reconstruction of any school building to
28 which the provisions of this section were applicable prior to ~~January 26,~~
29 ~~1992~~ **July 1, 2003**, shall be governed by the provisions of this section
30 which were in effect on the date ***on which*** the contract for such con-
31 struction or reconstruction was entered ~~into~~.

32 (h) The state fire marshal shall adopt rules and regulations specifying
33 those subsequent editions of the codes enumerated in subsections (a) and
34 (b) which the state fire marshal has determined provide protection equiv-
35 alent to those editions specified herein. Compliance with any subsequent
36 edition specified by such rules and regulations shall be considered com-
37 pliance with the edition of the code specified by this section.

38 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 31-150 is hereby repealed.

39 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
40 publication in the statute book.

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