



Senate Bill No. 1198

An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the School Indoor Air Quality Working Group

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Education Committee

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and distinguished members of the Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) regarding **S.B. 1198, *An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the School Indoor Air Quality Working Group***.

S.B. 1198 is the result of the recommendations of the School Indoor Air Quality Working Group, which our Department of Administrative Services team was pleased to participate in. The Department encourages further collaboration with the legislature, state agencies, and stakeholders to ensure a safe environment for students and school personnel across Connecticut.

DAS is supportive of Section 1 of the bill, which extends the timeline for the Working Group, and Section 4, which authorizes \$300 million new dollars for school air quality improvement grants, matching what was included in the Governor’s proposed capital budget. DAS has concerns about Sections 2 and 3 of the bill and is willing to work with the proponents of the bill and other relevant stakeholders on this language going forward.

On behalf of the Department of Administrative Services, I appreciate your consideration of S.B. 1198.