

NEW MEXICO SUPPORT SB326

PUBLIC SCHOOLS PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT ACT



WHY PASS THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT ACT?

US EPA encourages but *does not require* safer pest management at schools, leaving a gap in the protection of children's health that state legislatures must fill.

EPA continues to permit highly toxic, carcinogenic herbicides like glyphosate, despite clear evidence on the dangers it poses to human health and the environment.[1] Likewise, the agency recently rolled back "safety factors" for pyrethroid insecticides specifically intended to protect children's health.[2]

New Mexico can protect its children from unnecessary harm and lead the nation in establishing an ecological pest management approach.

[1] IARC World Health Organization. 2015. IARC Monographs Volume 112: evaluation of five organophosphate insecticides and herbicides.

[2] Center for Biological Diversity. 2019. Trump Administration Ends Long-standing Safeguards Protecting Kids from Dangerous Class of Pesticides.

PROTECTS CHILDREN FROM TOXIC PESTICIDES

In a landmark report, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) called for governments to reduce children's exposure to pesticides.

AAP wrote that scientific evidence "... demonstrates associations between early life exposure to pesticides and pediatric cancers, decreased cognitive function, and behavioral problems."

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2012. Pediatrics. peds.2012-2757;
DOI: 10.1542/peds.2012-2757

USES ECOLOGICAL PEST MANAGEMENT

SB326 brings communities and school districts in line with the latest science.

Ecological Pest Management emphasizes the broader ecology of pest management. SB326 will establish an environmentally healthy way to manage pests and weeds without toxic chemicals.

ONLY MINIMUM RISK OR ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Eligible products under SB326 would be limited to those that are considered minimum risk, or certified organic.

These are the least toxic, yet still effective, pest management products on the market, ensuring that children are not exposed to chronic poisons where they learn and play.

NEW MEXICO CAN BE A NATIONAL LEADER

Passage of SB326, the Public Schools Pesticide Management Act, will establish New Mexico as a national leader in protecting children with safer pest management.



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