



Ohio House Bill 229

(As Introduced)

Clean Schools

Sponsored by Representatives Dan Stewart



Support

Summary

Requires the Ohio Department of Health to establish a one-year pilot program to test the effectiveness of a cleaning system known as Operating System 1 (OS1) in at least three public schools that volunteer to participate.

Requires the Department of Health to compare the results of using OS1 with the results of using the cleaning methods otherwise employed by the schools.

Creates a selection process for schools to participate in the pilot program.

Establishes requirements for implementation of the pilot program.

Creates, for each school participating in the pilot program, an OS1 oversight committee to oversee, assist with, and evaluate the pilot program.

OEC Perspective

The Operating System 1 boasts that its “health first” cleaning system is superior and strives for:

- Cleaning for health first and then for appearance
- Disposing of cleaning wastes in a environmentally responsible manner
- Increased worker safety and awareness
- Increased level of sanitation of building surfaces
- Responsible and proper removal of pollutants from the facility
- Reduction of chemical, particle and moisture residue
- Minimization of human exposure to pollutants

A 2006 study and pilot project by the University of North Carolina confirmed OS1’s claims. It found that environmental microbiological field testing of restroom surfaces during piloting of OS1 confirmed that the OS1 disinfectant produced consistent sanitary results; OS1 was inherently safer/cleaner and minimized waste disposal issues; and the use of “Green Seal” products, waste reduction, and promoting improvements in human health provided healthy workspaces.

The Ohio Environmental Council supports this bill.

Bill Ratings



This legislation will help resolve a serious problem that threatens Ohio’s environment, and/ or demonstrates significant leadership for Ohio’s future.



This legislation will benefit Ohio’s environment, or shows foresight in setting future environmental policy.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - benefit Ohio’s environment.



This legislation will cause substantial harm to Ohio’s environment, and demonstrates serious disregard for Ohio’s future.



This legislation will harm Ohio’s environment, or sets the state on the wrong path for future environmental policy.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - harm Ohio’s environment.

