INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS:
An Overview of State Policy

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What is “IAQ Policy”?  
- Encompasses a broad range of pollutants, products, & practices  
- Laws, regulations, guidance  

Why is State Policy Important?  
- Over 50 million children & millions of staff spend their days in schools  
- State policies are important for advancing health, learning & equity
SCHOOL IAQ POLICY: Principal Areas of State Authority

- Health
- Education
- School IAQ
- Labor
SCHOOL IAQ POLICY: Key Elements

- Required Practices & Standards
- Oversight/Compliance
- Financial & Technical Assistance
SCHOOL IAQ POLICY: Oversight Strategies

Inspections of School Facilities
- Regular/Periodic vs. Complaint-based
- Key elements: frequency, criteria, follow-up

Reporting on Facility Conditions
- To government agencies
- To the school community

Enforcement
SCHOOL IAQ POLICY: Pollutants, Products and Practices

Indoor Pollutants
- Exs: asbestos, radon, PCBs, mold/moisture

Products and Practices
- Pesticides
- Cleaning & disinfection
- Ventilation
STATE IAQ POLICY: ELI Materials

How to Get ELI Materials?

Visit: www.eli.org/buildings

- Search Key Topics
  - School, Child Care, Homes, Radon, Mold
- Browse by Type of Material
  - Research Reports, Policy Briefs, Database of IAQ Laws, Topics in School Environmental Health,

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