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**HOUSE BILL 12-1319**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Gardner B.,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Local Government  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING BUILDING INSPECTIONS RELATING TO UTILITIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, electrical and plumbing inspections of school buildings must be performed by state inspectors even though the school building is located in a town, city, or county that has a building department that inspects buildings. The bill removes this requirement, allowing local departments to perform electrical and plumbing inspections of school buildings within their jurisdictions.

The bill requires local governments to utilize journeymen or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

master plumbers when contracting for plumbing inspections within their respective jurisdictions, and requires a local government to reimburse the state examining board of plumbers (state board) if the local government fails to timely notify the state board of its intent to commence or cease local plumbing inspections.

State and local electrical and plumbing inspectors shall inspect to the standards specified in the state electrical and plumbing codes.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-116, **amend**  
3 (7) and (8) as follows:

4 **12-23-116. Inspection - application - standards.**

5 (7) Notwithstanding the fact that any incorporated town or city, any  
6 county, or any city and county in which a public school is located or is to  
7 be located has its own electrical code and inspection authority, any  
8 electrical installation in any new construction or remodeling or repair of  
9 a public school shall be inspected by EITHER a state electrical inspector OR  
10 A LOCAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL  
11 DISTRICT.

12 (8) (a) In the event that any incorporated town or city, any county,  
13 or any city and county intends to commence or cease performing  
14 electrical inspections in its respective jurisdiction, INCLUDING THE  
15 INSPECTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, it shall commence or cease the same only  
16 as of July 1 of any year, and written notice of such intent shall be given  
17 to the board on or before October 1 of the preceding calendar year. If  
18 such notice is not given and the use of state electrical inspectors is  
19 required within such notice requirement, the respective local government  
20 of the jurisdiction requiring such inspections shall reimburse the state  
21 electrical board for any expenses incurred in performing such inspections,  
22 in addition to transmitting the required permit fees.

1 (b) STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS  
2 PERFORMING SCHOOL INSPECTIONS FOR ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL  
3 INSPECT TO THE ELECTRICAL STANDARDS AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD  
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-23-104 (2) (a).

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6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-58-114.5, **amend**  
7 (5) and (6) as follows:

8 **12-58-114.5. Inspection - application - standards.**  
9 (5) Notwithstanding the fact that any incorporated town or city, any  
10 county, or any city and county in which a public school is located or is to  
11 be located has its own plumbing code and inspection authority, any  
12 plumbing or gas piping installation in any new construction or remodeling  
13 or repair of a public school shall be inspected by EITHER a state plumbing  
14 inspector OR A LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
15 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

16 (6) (a) In the event that any incorporated town or city, any county,  
17 or any city and county intends to commence or cease performing  
18 plumbing or gas piping inspections in its respective jurisdiction,  
19 INCLUDING THE INSPECTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, IT SHALL COMMENCE OR  
20 CEASE THE SAME ONLY AS OF JULY 1 OF ANY YEAR, AND written notice of  
21 such intent shall be given to the board ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF THE  
22 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. IF SUCH NOTICE IS NOT GIVEN AND THE USE  
23 OF STATE PLUMBING INSPECTORS IS REQUIRED WITHIN SUCH NOTICE  
24 REQUIREMENT, THE RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE  
25 JURISDICTION REQUIRING SUCH INSPECTIONS SHALL REIMBURSE THE  
26 EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
27 PERFORMING SUCH INSPECTIONS, IN ADDITION TO TRANSMITTING THE

1 REQUIRED PERMIT FEES.

2 (b) STATE PLUMBING INSPECTORS AND PLUMBING INSPECTORS  
3 PERFORMING SCHOOL INSPECTIONS FOR ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL  
4 INSPECT TO THE PLUMBING AND GAS STANDARDS IN THE COLORADO  
5 PLUMBING CODE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6 12-58-114.5 (1).

7 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
9 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
10 general assembly (August 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,  
11 2012); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
12 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
13 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
14 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
15 to be held in November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
16 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

17 (2) The provisions of this act apply to local inspections conducted  
18 on or after the applicable effective date of this act.