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Senate Bill 670 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Human Resources and Labor

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 306 of 1937, which regulates the construction and remodeling of public and private school buildings, to prescribe penalties for licensed architects and engineers, and construction supervisors who violated certain school construction regulations.

Currently, the Act provides that the architect or engineer preparing plans and specifications or supervising construction of a school building is responsible for constructing the building of adequate strength so as to resist fire, and constructing it in a workmanlike manner. The bill provides, instead, that a licensed architect or engineer preparing plans and specifications of a school building would be responsible for assuring that the design documents provided for a structure with sufficient structural strength and fire resistance, and that the building would meet all applicable codes, standards, and regulations. The person supervising the construction of a school building would be responsible for the construction in conformance with the approved plans and specifications prepared by the design professional.

The bill specifies that a person who violated these provisions would be subject to a State civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of up to \$10,000. A person who knowingly violated the bill would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local revenues as there is no information regarding the number of penalties that would be imposed annually.

Offenders convicted of a misdemeanor would be subject to probation or incarceration in a local facility. Local units would incur the cost of probation as well as the cost of incarceration, which may vary between \$27 and \$62 per day.

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