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Highlights

- The Division of Industrial Compliance within the Department of Commerce (COM) will incur new costs to oversee the mold information and awareness program and fulfill other requirements under the bill. The costs will depend on the scope of the program, but are likely to be minimal. The funding source will be the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560).

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires the Division of Industrial Compliance within the Department of Commerce (COM) to create a mold information and awareness program, conduct a five-year technology or treatment review, and conduct a one-year study on adverse mold impacts. The program would be funded by the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560), which consists of fee revenues from building and construction plan review, testing, certification, and licensing.

The new costs COM incurs for operating the program will depend on the scope of the information and awareness campaign, the extent of the five-year mold treatment review, and whether the required study on mold dangers is done in-house or contracted out. Presumably, there would be minimal new costs associated with posting information on the danger of mold on relevant state websites and social media, as well as undertaking a five-year review of mold detection and remediation technologies. The Division could incur some additional costs for conducting the one-year study of the hazards posed by human exposure to mold, particularly if the Division contracts with another entity to do so. However, the overall cost of overseeing the program could be higher if the Department chooses to hire additional staff or pay overtime hours for existing staff to carry out the bill's requirements. If physical or digital ad space are purchased for the campaign, the program costs would be higher than posting on the Department's website or social media.

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