

---

## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 959**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to do the following by January 1, 2024:

1. evaluate information or guidance published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on identifying, assessing, and remediating mold and limiting mold exposure;
2. develop uniform standards for identifying and assessing mold in residential housing;
3. develop uniform standards for remediating mold, including any necessary revisions to DPH's guidelines establishing mold abatement protocols (see BACKGROUND);
4. develop guidelines for limiting mold exposure in residential housing and uniform standards for assessing the health threat from this exposure, including its effect on indoor air quality;
5. publish these standards and guidelines on the DPH website; and
6. develop a public awareness campaign concerning mold in residential housing.

The public awareness campaign must at least include public service announcements on the DPH website and social media accounts regarding (1) preventing and identifying mold in the home and (2) the health risks associated with in-home mold exposure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

**BACKGROUND**

***DPH Guidelines for Mold Abatement Contractors***

Existing law required DPH to publish guidelines establishing mold abatement protocols with acceptable methods for performing abatement or remediation work (CGS § 19a-111f). DPH issued the guidelines in 2006 and last revised them early this year. They address various issues for mold abatement contractors, such as steps in the environmental assessment in mold investigations and subsequent remediation.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35    Nay 0    (03/03/2023)