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Overview

Amends bleacher safety laws by increasing from 30 to 55 inches the threshold for compliance with safety requirements. Provides that retractable bleachers in place on January 1, 2001 that have open spaces not exceeding nine inches do not have to comply with certain four-inch gap requirements. Delays deadline for certificate of compliance from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002. Permits certain school district employees to do the certification.

- Safety requirements.** Increases from 30 inches to 55 inches the threshold for bleachers to comply with bleacher safety requirements. Provides that retractable bleachers in place as of January 1, 2001 with open spaces not exceeding nine inches do not have to comply with the four-inch requirements for space between footboards, seats and guardrails.

States that all bleacher guardrails must comply with guardrail safety requirements if any part of the guardrail is over 30 inches above grade or the floor.
- Enforcement.** Clarifies that only bleachers subject to the safety requirements must have certificates of compliance. Provides that for bleachers owned by school districts, the person the district designates to be responsible for buildings and grounds may make this certification. Changes the deadline for certificates of compliance from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002. Provides that for existing retractable bleachers granted an exemption under section 1, the owner must have on file a bleacher safety management plan and amortization schedule.