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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill relates to health and environmental concerns arising out of the use of crumb rubber on athletic fields and playgrounds. It requires signs at playgrounds and athletic fields on how to avoid crumb rubber fibers, dust, and other adverse impacts. It places a moratorium until July 1, 2019, on using crumb rubber in new fields and playgrounds. It also requires a report to the legislature.

#### Section

- 1 Signs required at certain athletic fields and playgrounds.** Requires a conspicuous sign with the actions to take after using an athletic field and playground on land owned or leased by a municipality that use crumb rubber. Effective immediately.
- 2 Athletic fields and playgrounds; moratorium definitions.** Defines “crumb rubber,” “municipality,” and “waste tire.” Municipality means “a county, town, city, school district or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state authorized by law to enter into contracts.”  
Prohibits municipalities from constructing, or allowing land it leases for construction of, athletic fields and playgrounds using crumb rubber until July 1, 2019. Effective immediately.
- 3 Report on health effects of athletic fields and playgrounds constructed of crumb rubber.** Requires the Department of Health to report by January 1, 2019, on environmental and health effects of crumb rubber on athletic fields and playgrounds. Effective immediately.