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Overview

This bill requires signs containing specific information to be posted at certain athletic fields and playgrounds that contain crumb rubber; imposes a moratorium until July 1, 2019, on the construction of certain athletic fields and playgrounds that contain crumb rubber; and requires the Minnesota Department of Health to report on recent studies of the health and environmental effects of crumb rubber.

Section

- Signs required at certain athletic fields and playgrounds. Adds § 448.57. Requires an athletic field or playground that is on land owned or leased by a municipality and that contains crumb rubber, to post a sign with recommendations for individuals who use the athletic field or playground. Specifies the sign's content.
- Athletic fields and playgrounds; moratorium; definitions. Adds § 448.58. Prohibits a municipality from constructing an athletic field or playground containing crumb rubber until July 1, 2019, and prohibits an athletic field or playground containing crumb rubber from being constructed on land leased or owned by a municipality until July 1, 2019. Defines terms: crumb rubber, municipality, waste tire.
- Report on health effects of athletic fields and playgrounds constructed of crumb rubber. Requires the Minnesota Department of Health to report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees governing health and environment policy, summarizing and evaluating recent studies examining the effects on the environment and human health of athletic fields and playgrounds containing crumb rubber. Lists issues that must be addressed in the study.