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Representative Mason:

This is a redraft of the “green cleaning” proposal, based on instructions sent on August 24th and discussions with Jeff Neubauer that day. I have not heard back from Jeff today on my proposed language for sub. (2) (e), but thought that I should go ahead with the draft because of your time constraints.

As requested, the draft now authorizes the adoption of requirements for a janitorial or sanitation process if the Greenguard Environmental Institute adopts a standard for the process. A standard must be based on the Greenguard standard or another third-party standard. This is the same approach that the draft takes with respect to standards for products, although with a different designated third party.

It appears that there has so far been little development of standards for green cleaning processes. For example, the Healthy Schools Campaign Web site indicates that there are no standards for green cleaning procedures but points out that Green Seal, Inc., has standards for cleaning service providers, including in-house and external cleaning services, covering indoor activities typically required to clean commercial, public, and industrial buildings.

When a law refers to a private entity, there is always the possibility that the entity will change its name, cease to exist, or cease to engage in the activity that the law relies on.

Please contact me with any questions or additional redrafting instructions.

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