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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 357 (as introduced 3-11-09)  
Sponsor: Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs  
Committee: Education

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Playground Equipment Safety Act to require replacement flagpoles on public playgrounds to be made of aluminum or other lightweight and high-strength material.**

Under the Act, the local unit of government, school district, or governmental entity that owns public playground equipment is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of that equipment according to certain standards.

"Public playground equipment" means apparatus, including slides, climbers, seesaws, and swings, designed for the recreational use of children and owned and operated by a local unit of government, school district, or any other governmental entity. The bill would add flagpoles to that definition.

The bill would require any replacement flagpoles to be made of aluminum or material that is considered by the industry to be high-strength and lightweight material.

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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