Overview

Amends bleacher safety laws: Increases from 30 to 55 inches the threshold for compliance with safety requirements; provides bleachers in existence on August 1, 2001 that have open spaces not exceeding nine inches to 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.

Section

1 Safety requirements. Increases from 30 inches to 55 inches the threshold for bleachers to comply with bleacher safety requirements. Provides that bleachers in existence on August 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 55 inches above grade. Existing bleachers would not be exempt from the guardrail safety requirements.
Changes the date for new bleachers to comply with safety requirements from January 1, 2001 to August 1, 2001.

2 Enforcement. Clarifies that only bleachers subject to the safety requirements must have certificates of compliance. Provides that for bleachers owned by school districts, a designated school district official can provide this certification. Changes the deadline for certificates of compliance from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002.

3 Effective date. Amends 1999 law to change the effective date for the bleacher safety law to August 1, 2001 (the same as the compliance dates in section 1 of this bill).