Senate Committee Substitute (First Reprint) for
Senate, Nos. 843 and 2146

AN ACT concerning the construction of certain State buildings and
supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. As used in this act:

“High performance green building” means a building that is
designed and constructed in a manner that achieves at least:

a. a silver rating according to the Leadership in Energy and
Environmental Design Green Building Rating System as adopted by
the United States Green Building Council;

b. a two globe rating according to the Green Globes Program as
adopted by the Green Building Initiative; or

c. a comparable numeric rating according to a nationally
recognized, accepted, and appropriate numeric sustainable
development rating system, guideline, or standard as the
Commissioner of Community Affairs, in consultation with the
Commissioner of Environmental Protection ¹, the Director of
Energy Savings established pursuant to Executive Order No.11 of
2006,¹ and the Board of Public Utilities, may designate by
regulation.

A “high performance green building” shall not mean any free-
standing parking facility, multiple use maintenance facility or
storage facility.

“State governmental entity” means the Executive, Legislative
and Judicial branches of the State government, any agency or
instrumentality of the State, including any board, bureau,
commission, corporation, department, or division, any independent
State authority, and any State institution of higher education. A
county, municipality, or school district, or any agency or
instrumentality thereof, shall not be deemed a State governmental
entity.

2. Any new building having at least 15,000 square feet in total
floor area that is to be constructed for the sole use of a State
governmental entity after the effective date of this act shall be
designed and managed to meet standards for a high performance
green building. The Director of the Division of Property
Management and Construction in the Department of the Treasury,
in cooperation with the New Jersey Building Authority where appropriate, shall enforce the provisions of this act. All plans, specifications and bid proposal documents for any building to which the provisions of this section apply shall identify all the requirements for meeting the appropriate certification level standard as provided in subsections a., b. or c. of section 1 of this act, as appropriate. The requirements of this act shall not apply to any building for which a request for proposal for entering into a contract to design the building has been issued prior to the effective date of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Requires certain State buildings to be designed and managed to meet high performance green building standards.