

SENATE, No. 239

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires the design of new public schools to incorporate the “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design” (LEED) guidelines.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning the design of new public schools and
2 supplementing P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.).

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

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7 1. The design of new public schools shall incorporate the
8 guidelines developed by the United States Green Building Council
9 known as the “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design”
10 (LEED) to achieve maximum energy efficiency and environmental
11 sustainability in the design of schools.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill requires that the design of new public schools
19 incorporate the guidelines developed by the United States Green
20 Building Council known as the “Leadership in Energy and
21 Environmental Design” (LEED). Such a requirement is currently
22 imposed under State Board of Education regulations (N.J.A.C.
23 6A:26-6.3(b)13) and this bill establishes the statutory authorization
24 for that requirement.

25 The United States Green Building Council is a non-profit
26 organization composed of leaders from every sector of the building
27 industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally
28 responsible and healthy places to live and work. LEED for Schools
29 addresses issues such as classroom acoustics, master planning, mold
30 prevention, and environmental site assessment. LEED for Schools
31 is the recognized standard for high performance schools that are
32 healthy for students, comfortable for teachers, and cost-effective.