

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 711

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “new” in line 3 down through “regulations” in line 10 and substitute “public school buildings; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the pilot program; requiring the Interagency Committee to encourage local boards of education to use certain solar energy systems for certain schools, develop certain procedures, and provide certain grants; authorizing a local board to apply to the Interagency Committee for certain grants; requiring certain local boards to pay certain costs; providing that certain savings shall remain with certain local school systems; requiring that certain public school construction projects be approved by the Board of Public Works; requiring the Interagency Committee and the Maryland Energy Administration to cooperate with, assist, provide technical assistance to, and advise school systems on certain matters; requiring the Interagency Committee to adopt certain procedures”; and in line 11, strike “new school construction projects in the State” and substitute “public school buildings”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 9 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) (1) THERE IS A SOLAR ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE STATE.

“(2) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SHALL OPERATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

“(B) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL:

(Over)

(1) ENCOURAGE ALL LOCAL BOARDS IN THE STATE TO STUDY, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS THAT ARE ENERGY EFFICIENT AND USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY TO MEET A CERTAIN PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL ENERGY NEEDS, ELECTRICAL ENERGY DEMAND, OR A COMBINATION OF THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY NEEDS AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY DEMAND;

(2) PROVIDE GRANTS OUT OF STATE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR THIS PROGRAM TO LOCAL BOARDS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR RENOVATED SCHOOL BUILDINGS; AND

(3) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR A LOCAL BOARD TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) A LOCAL BOARD MAY APPLY TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR A GRANT TO COVER 90% OF THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL COST OF CONSTRUCTING OR RENOVATING SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO UTILIZE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS TO MEET THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS' ELECTRICAL ENERGY NEEDS, ELECTRICAL ENERGY DEMAND, OR A COMBINATION OF THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY NEEDS AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY DEMAND:

(I) FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AT LEAST 20%;

(II) FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL, AT LEAST 15%; AND

(III) FOR A HIGH SCHOOL, AT LEAST 10%.

(2) A LOCAL BOARD THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PAY:

(I) 10% OF THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING OR RENOVATING A SCHOOL BUILDING TO UTILIZE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS; AND

(II) ALL ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING FEES FOR THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

(3) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MAY NOT AWARD A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(D) LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK PRIVATE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(E) THE TOTAL SAVINGS OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY NEEDS AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY DEMAND COSTS THAT RESULT FROM THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

(F) (1) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE AND THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION SHALL COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST, PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO, AND ADVISE SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

(2) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION."