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(a) In this section, "high performance building" has the meaning stated in § 3–602.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(b) This section applies to the construction of new schools that have not initiated a Request For Proposal for the selection of an architectural and engineering consultant on or before July 1, 2009.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a new school that receives State public school construction funds shall be constructed to be a high performance building.

(d) (1) The Board of Public Works shall establish a process to allow a school system to obtain a waiver from complying with subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The waiver process shall:

(i) Include a review by the Interagency Committee to determine if the construction of a high performance building is not practicable; and

(ii) Require the approval of a waiver by the Interagency Committee.

(e) For fiscal years 2010 through 2014 only, the State shall pay 50% of the local share of the extra costs, identified and approved by the Interagency Committee, that are incurred in constructing a new school to meet the high performance building requirements of this section.

(f) The Board of Public Works shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

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