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Senate Bill 271 (Senator Pinski, *et al.*)

Finance

Electricity - Net Energy Metering - Schools

This bill adds elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of post secondary education to the classes of electric customers that may use net energy metering in connection with solar electric generation. As a result, any excess energy produced by the school would be sent through the power grids to the public utility for use by other consumers, and the school would receive a credit on its electric bill from the utility.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Negligible decrease in gross receipts tax revenues.

Local Effect: Minimal. Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties collect revenue on electricity consumption by levying a per kilowatt hour charge or by taking a percentage of the costs accrued on a customer's monthly bill. However, the lower cost of electricity for the counties' public schools would generally offset any decrease in energy tax revenue.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful positive effect on small Maryland solar panel vendors.

Information Sources: Maryland Energy Administration, Public Service Commission,
Public School Construction Program

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