

HOUSE BILL 61

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By: **Delegate Charkoudian**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Public School Construction and Renovation – Solar Canopies for School~~
3 ~~Parking Lots – Underground Infrastructure~~
4 School Buildings – Solar Technologies – Parking Lot Solar Canopies

5 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that certain construction projects or major renovation~~
6 ~~projects of public school buildings be designed, engineered, and constructed in a~~
7 ~~manner so that school parking lots are equipped with the appropriate underground~~
8 ~~infrastructure necessary to support solar canopy installation; and generally relating~~
9 ~~to public school construction and renovations~~ including parking lot solar canopies in
10 the evaluation of the use of solar technologies required for the construction or major
11 renovation of school buildings; and generally relating to school buildings and solar
12 technology.

13 ~~BY adding to~~
14 ~~Article – Education~~
15 ~~Section 5–331~~
16 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
17 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Education
20 Section 5–319
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 ~~5-331.~~

5 ~~FOR EACH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR MAJOR RENOVATION PROJECT OF A~~
6 ~~PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING PROPOSED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2025, THAT INCLUDES~~
7 ~~THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF A SCHOOL PARKING LOT, THE STATE~~
8 ~~SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE PROJECT BE DESIGNED, ENGINEERED, AND~~
9 ~~CONSTRUCTED IN A MANNER SO THAT THE PARKING LOT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE~~
10 ~~APPROPRIATE UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SOLAR~~
11 ~~CANOPY INSTALLATION.~~

12 5-319.

13 (a) The Interagency Commission shall adopt regulations that require the design
14 development documents for the construction or major renovation of school buildings
15 submitted by a county board to the Interagency Commission to include:

16 (1) An evaluation of the use of solar technologies, including photovoltaic or
17 solar water heating AND PARKING LOT SOLAR CANOPIES, based on life cycle costs; and

18 (2) If an evaluation determines that solar technologies are not appropriate
19 for a construction or major renovation project, a report that explains why the use of the
20 technology is not appropriate.

21 (b) On or before December 31 of each year, the Interagency Commission shall
22 submit a report on the number of public school construction and major renovation projects
23 in each jurisdiction that use solar technologies to the Governor and, in accordance with §
24 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2025.