

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 Article – Education

17 5–319.

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

21 (1) An evaluation of the use of solar technologies, including photovoltaic or
22 solar water heating, based on life cycle costs; and

Page 2

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

4 (B) (1) FOR EACH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTED BY A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
5 FROM JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2034, BOTH INCLUSIVE, THE LOCAL

6 SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL ~~CONSIDER WHETHER THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE~~

7 ~~CONSTRUCTED WITH SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL.~~

8 (2) ~~IF, AFTER CONSIDERING INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS IN~~

9 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM~~

10 ~~DECIDES NOT TO HAVE SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL,~~

11 ~~THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION~~

12 ~~AN EXPLANATION FOR THE DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE SOLAR PANELS AS PART OF~~

13 ~~THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~
14 ~~SUBSECTION, INSTALL ROOFTOP SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS ON ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED~~
15 ~~SCHOOLS.~~

(2) A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY PETITION THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION TO
EXCLUDE A NEW SCHOOL FROM PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY BY A SHOWING THAT A
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM IS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO A LACK OF SOLAR INCIDENCE.

14 [(b)] (C) On or before December 31 of each year, the Interagency Commission
15 shall submit a report [on the number of public school construction and major renovation
16 projects in each jurisdiction that use solar technologies] to the Governor and, in accordance
17 with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the [General Assembly] **PRESIDENT OF**
18 **THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THAT SPECIFIES:**

19 (1) **THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR**
20 **RENOVATION PROJECTS IN EACH JURISDICTION THAT USE SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES;**
21 **AND**

22 (2) **A LIST OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR**
23 **RENOVATION PROJECTS IN EACH JURISDICTION IN WHICH A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM**
24 **DECIDED NOT TO HAVE SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL,**
25 **INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION FOR THE DECISION BY EACH JURISDICTION NOT TO**
26 **INCLUDE SOLAR PANELS AS PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 28 1, 2023.