

1 AN ACT relating to school facilities.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 157.455 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Life-cycle cost analysis" means to calculate and compare different building  
6 designs to identify which is the best investment over the long term. Life-cycle  
7 costs include design and construction costs, operating costs, maintenance  
8 costs, and repair and replacement costs, adjusted for the time value of money;

9 (b) "Net zero building" means a building in which the amount of energy provided  
10 by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by  
11 the building; and

12 (c) "Efficient school design" means a school building design:

13 1. That meets, at a minimum, the requirements of the United States Green  
14 Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
15 (LEED) for schools at the "Certified" level or certification under a  
16 comparable system with equivalent requirements or other building  
17 performance certification systems, such as the United States Department  
18 of Energy's Energy Star program;

19 2. That ensures energy savings from a building design that equates to or  
20 exceeds ten percent (10%) over the American Society of Heating,  
21 Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers energy standard 90.1-  
22 2007; and

23 3. For which whole building life-cycle cost analysis illustrates that the  
24 design is cost-effective.

25 (2) The General Assembly hereby finds that schools that are constructed or renovated  
26 using efficient school design are proven effective vehicles for accomplishing some  
27 or all of the following beneficial public purposes:

- 1 (a) Lower operating costs and increased asset value;
- 2 (b) Reduced waste sent to landfills;
- 3 (c) Conservation of energy and water;
- 4 (d) Reduced storm drainage runoff;
- 5 (e) Healthier, safer environments for occupants;
- 6 (f) Reduced emissions of greenhouse gases; and
- 7 (g) Improved student attendance and performance by:
- 8 1. Using the building as a teaching tool;
- 9 2. Using the local environment as a context for curriculum integration;
- 10 3. Providing rigorous, highly relevant, and applied learning; and
- 11 4. Improving productivity by making buildings healthier for occupants,
- 12 especially through the increased use of natural light.
- 13 (3) The Kentucky Department of Education and all school districts undertaking the
- 14 construction of new school buildings or the major renovation of existing school
- 15 buildings are strongly encouraged to:
- 16 (a) Meet or exceed efficient school design standards in planning and designing all
- 17 new buildings and major renovation projects;
- 18 (b) Use life-cycle cost analysis to evaluate different design proposals; and
- 19 (c) Consider the possibility that each new school building or major renovation of
- 20 a building could be a net zero building, either during the construction or
- 21 renovation, or at a later date as resources become available.
- 22 (4) ~~{(a) The Kentucky efficient school design trust fund is hereby created as a~~
- 23 ~~restricted account to be administered by the Department of Education.~~
- 24 ~~(b) The account may receive contributions, gifts, donations, appropriations, and~~
- 25 ~~any other moneys made available for the account. Notwithstanding KRS~~
- 26 ~~45.229, any moneys remaining in the account at the close of a fiscal year shall~~
- 27 ~~not lapse, but shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be~~

1           ~~used for the purposes set forth in this section. Interest on moneys in the~~  
2           ~~account shall accrue to the account.~~

3           ~~(c) Moneys in the account shall be used to offset the initial additional cost, if any,~~  
4           ~~associated with the construction or renovation of school buildings using~~  
5           ~~efficient school design.~~

6           ~~(d) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations~~  
7           ~~pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to prescribe how a local school district may~~  
8           ~~qualify for and use funds from the account created by this subsection.~~

9           ~~(5)~~ } The Department of Education shall develop and adopt guidelines for efficient  
10           school design, net zero buildings, and life-cycle cost analysis, including the  
11           identification of appropriate computer-based simulation programs for use in  
12           undertaking life-cycle cost analysis.

13           ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ } The Department of Education and the Office of Energy Policy shall assist  
14           school districts in:

15           (a) Developing methods for measuring ongoing operating savings resulting from  
16           the use of efficient school design;

17           (b) Identifying sources for training for school staff and students to ensure that  
18           efficient school design features and components are fully utilized; and

19           (c) Identifying ways that efficient school design and its energy-saving  
20           components can be integrated into the school curriculum.†

21           ~~(7) The Department of Education and the Office of Energy Policy shall, by~~  
22           ~~November 1, 2010, and each year thereafter, for the fiscal year ending on June~~  
23           ~~30 of that year, prepare a report that shall be submitted to the Legislative~~  
24           ~~Research Commission and the Governor. The report shall address new school~~  
25           ~~buildings or building renovations and shall include but not be limited to the~~  
26           ~~following:~~

27           ~~(a) An assessment of the implementation of efficient school design within~~

- 1 Kentucky's education system;
- 2 ~~(b) Documented energy savings from any buildings built using efficient school~~  
3 ~~design or net zero school buildings in operation;~~
- 4 ~~(c) A list of the new or renovated school buildings completed or identified for~~  
5 ~~future construction during the prior year using efficient school design,~~  
6 ~~including the name of the school district, name of the school, total project~~  
7 ~~cost, additional cost or savings, if any, associated with efficient school design~~  
8 ~~features, and efficient school design features included in the project;~~
- 9 ~~(d) A list of all school buildings that operate as a net zero building, and school~~  
10 ~~buildings which school districts plan to convert to net zero. The list shall~~  
11 ~~include the name of the school district, the name of the school, the total cost~~  
12 ~~associated with the school building becoming a net zero building, and the~~  
13 ~~components that will be installed to make the building a net zero building;~~
- 14 ~~(e) Any recommendations relating to efficient school design; and~~
- 15 ~~(f) A list of new school buildings completed during the prior year without using~~  
16 ~~efficient school design and an explanation of why efficient school design was not used.]~~

17 ➔Section 2. KRS 198B.060 is amended to read as follows:

- 18 (1) Each local government shall employ a building official or inspector and other code  
19 enforcement personnel as necessary, or shall contract for inspection and code  
20 enforcement services in accordance with subsections (8) and (11) of this section to  
21 enforce the Uniform State Building Code within the boundaries of its jurisdiction,  
22 except that permits, inspections, and certificates of occupancy shall not be  
23 mandatory for single-family residences unless a local government passes an  
24 ordinance requiring inspections of single-family residences.
- 25 (2) (a) Local governments shall be responsible for the examination and approval or  
26 disapproval of plans and specifications for churches having a capacity of four  
27 hundred (400) or less persons, and six thousand (6,000) or less square feet of

1 total floor area, and buildings of no more than three (3) stories in height,  
2 exclusive of attic and basement, which do not contain more than twenty  
3 thousand (20,000) square feet of floor area, and are not intended for  
4 educational, institutional, or high hazard occupancy; or assembly, business, or  
5 industrial occupancy in excess of one hundred (100) persons, except churches  
6 as stated in this subsection, or for use as a frozen food locker plant as defined  
7 in KRS 221.010.

8 (b) Local governments shall be responsible for the issuance and revocation of  
9 building permits, licenses, certificates, and similar documents which cover  
10 activities within their area of responsibility, and the inspection of all buildings  
11 pursuant to this chapter and the Uniform State Building Code. Each local  
12 government issuing a building or demolition permit or an initial certificate of  
13 occupancy on a new structure shall send a copy of the permit or certificate to  
14 the commissioner for his or her use in maintaining an accurate housing  
15 inventory for Kentucky.

16 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection, local  
17 governments may have jurisdiction for plan review, inspection, and  
18 enforcement responsibility over buildings intended for educational  
19 purposes, other than licensed day-care centers, but only when agreed to in  
20 writing by the local government and the department. Copies of  
21 documentation related to plan review, inspection, and enforcement shall be  
22 provided to the Kentucky Department of Education at the time they are  
23 issued to the district. Any agreements relating to expanded jurisdiction in  
24 effect on the effective date of this Act may be amended accordingly.

25 (3) Urban-county governments may determine service districts within their boundaries  
26 within which farm dwellings and other farm buildings, not used in the business of  
27 retail trade or as a place of regular employment for ten (10) or more people, shall be

1 exempt from the requirements of the Uniform State Building Code. The  
2 determination may be reviewed and altered by the department.

3 (4) (a) With the exception of single-family dwellings, the department shall be  
4 responsible for the examination and approval or disapproval of plans and  
5 specifications for all buildings which are not the responsibility of local  
6 governments. The department may issue and revoke permits, licenses,  
7 certificates, and similar documents within its area of responsibility, and shall  
8 have concurrent jurisdiction with local governments for the inspection of all  
9 buildings pursuant to this chapter and the Uniform State Building Code.

10 (b) If the commissioner determines that the local jurisdiction is not adequately  
11 performing any portion of its program, the department may preempt that  
12 portion of a local program, except that the department shall not preempt or  
13 assert jurisdiction for the enforcement of the code on single-family dwellings.  
14 The commissioner shall explain his or her reasons for preemption in writing  
15 and provide a copy to the local jurisdiction.

16 (c) The local jurisdiction may appeal the preemption directly to the  
17 commissioner, and the department shall review the appeal according to the  
18 procedures found in subsections (8) to (10) of KRS 198B.070. No preemption  
19 by the commissioner shall take place until a final decision has been issued in  
20 an appeal under this subsection.

21 (d) If the department preempts any portion of a local program, it shall collect the  
22 fees applicable to that portion of the program.

23 (5) (a) Any local government may petition the commissioner requesting that  
24 additional plan review functions be allocated to that local government. The  
25 petition shall include evidence of the local government's capability to perform  
26 additional plan review functions.

27 (b) The commissioner, after review of the petition and supporting evidence, may

1 grant or deny to the local government any part of a request for additional  
2 responsibility. If the commissioner denies any part of a petition, he or she  
3 shall explain his or her reasons for denial in writing, and provide a copy to the  
4 local government.

5 (c) A local government may appeal the denial directly to the commissioner, and  
6 the department shall review the appeal according to the procedures found in  
7 subsections (8) to (10) of KRS 198B.070.

8 (d) If the local government is granted additional responsibility by the  
9 commissioner, the department shall hold concurrent jurisdiction over the  
10 additional responsibility, but the local government shall collect any fees for  
11 functions it performs pursuant to the additional responsibility.

12 (6) Any local government may also petition the commissioner requesting that plans and  
13 specifications inspection, building inspection, and approval responsibility relating to  
14 the application of local plumbing permits for local installations be allocated to the  
15 local government. The petition shall not be granted unless the local government has  
16 demonstrated to the commissioner that it can perform these functions in accordance  
17 with KRS 198B.050 to 198B.090.

18 (7) The commissioner shall expedite the review of plans and specifications by assigning  
19 responsibilities and coordinating review activities among the department's various  
20 functional divisions so as to prevent unnecessary duplication in the review of plans  
21 and specifications.

22 (8) No building shall be constructed in this state until a local building official and an  
23 official representing the department, if the department has jurisdiction, issue a  
24 permit for the construction. Nothing in this subsection shall require a single-family  
25 dwelling to be permitted or inspected unless a local government has established a  
26 building inspection program as set out in this section.

27 (9) The local building official or the representative of the department shall issue a

1 permit if the proposed building satisfies the requirements of the Uniform State  
2 Building Code and if the party desiring to construct the building has complied with  
3 all other legal requirements concerning the location and construction of the  
4 building. The applicant for a building permit, by the act of applying for the permit,  
5 shall be deemed to have consented to inspection by the local government or the  
6 department, of the building during construction and upon the completion of  
7 construction for the purpose of determining that the building is constructed in  
8 compliance with the Uniform State Building Code.

9 (10) (a) No permit for building, construction, reconstruction, renovation, demolition,  
10 or maintenance or for any activity related to building, construction,  
11 reconstruction, renovation, demolition, or maintenance shall be issued by any  
12 building department or by any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of  
13 Kentucky to any person seeking the permit unless the person shall assure, by  
14 affidavit, that all contractors and subcontractors employed, or that will be  
15 employed, on activity covered by the permit shall be in compliance with  
16 Kentucky requirements for workers' compensation insurance according to  
17 KRS Chapter 342 and unemployment insurance according to KRS Chapter  
18 341.

19 (b) Any person who fails to comply with the assurances required under paragraph  
20 (a) of this subsection upon such finding by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
21 shall be fined an amount not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000) or an  
22 amount equal to the sum of all uninsured and unsatisfied claims brought under  
23 the provisions of KRS Chapter 342 and unemployment insurance claims for  
24 which no wages were reported as required by KRS Chapter 341, whichever is  
25 greater.

26 (c) The penalty imposed in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be enforced by  
27 the county attorney for the county in which the violation occurred.



- 1 (11) A certified electrical inspector shall be employed by, or contracted for, or contracted  
2 with a local government having responsibility over buildings described in this  
3 section as part of its building inspection program. After a certified electrical  
4 inspector has been provided for by the local government or the department, no  
5 utility shall initiate permanent electrical service to any new building, or any building  
6 which has been moved, until a final certificate of approval has been issued by a  
7 certified electrical inspector. Unless the department shall notify the utility in writing  
8 as to which buildings are subject to department approval, it shall be presumed by  
9 the utility that the building is subject to the jurisdiction of the local government.  
10 However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the supply or use of necessary  
11 electrical services during the construction and testing process.
- 12 (12) This section shall apply to industrialized building systems, but destructive  
13 disassembly of industrialized building systems which carry a seal of approval  
14 pursuant to a manufactured building law in the state in which they were  
15 manufactured, which seal of approval is accepted by the department, shall not be  
16 performed in order to conduct the tests or inspections.
- 17 (13) No building on which construction was begun nor any industrialized building  
18 system on which site preparation and assembly were begun after the Uniform State  
19 Building Code became effective shall be occupied until the local building official or  
20 a representative of the department issues a certificate of occupancy certifying that  
21 the building was constructed in conformance with the standards of the Uniform  
22 State Building Code, or assembled or installed in conformance with applicable  
23 instructions. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a certificate of  
24 occupancy to be issued for any single-family dwelling unless a local government  
25 has established jurisdiction for the enforcement of the Uniform State Building Code  
26 under this section.
- 27 (14) A local government may associate with other local governments, and may seek the

1 technical assistance of other agencies or area development districts in order to  
2 provide for the local enforcement of the Uniform State Building Code.

3 (15) Local governments or associations of local governments may contract with a  
4 person, firm, or company to perform the plans and specifications inspection or  
5 building inspection functions required of the local government by the provisions of  
6 this section if:

7 (a) The person performing the plans and specifications inspection is certified by  
8 the department as having successfully completed the test requirements  
9 provided by KRS 198B.090 to practice as a certified plans and specifications  
10 inspector;

11 (b) The person performing the building inspection is certified by the department  
12 as having successfully completed the test requirements provided in KRS  
13 198B.090 to practice as a certified building inspector;

14 (c) The person, firm, or company does not have a conflict of interest between its  
15 plan review or inspection functions and any other employment or business  
16 activities;

17 (d) The person performing the plumbing inspection is certified by the department  
18 as having successfully completed the requirements provided in KRS 318.140  
19 to practice as a certified plumbing inspector; and

20 (e) The person, firm, or company does not have a conflict of interest between its  
21 plan review or inspection functions and any other employment or business  
22 activities.

23 (16) If the department has reason to believe that an inspector is not enforcing, or is  
24 improperly enforcing, the provisions of the Kentucky building codes, it shall  
25 conduct an informal hearing to review the inspector's procedures and return in  
26 written form the required corrections resulting from the hearing to the inspector, or  
27 may take action to suspend or revoke the inspector's certificate.

1 (17) If the inspector fails to comply within sixty (60) days of a written notification from  
2 the department that specifies the required corrections, the department shall suspend  
3 the inspector's certification until the inspector complies. Any action to suspend or  
4 revoke an inspector's certificate may be appealed to the department, and upon  
5 appeal an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS  
6 Chapter 13B.

7 (18) Each local government and the department may establish a schedule of fees for the  
8 functions performed under this chapter. The fees shall be designed to fully cover,  
9 but shall not exceed, the cost of the service performed. Fees payable to the  
10 department shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to a trust and agency  
11 fund to be used by the department in carrying out this chapter. No part of this fund  
12 shall revert to the general fund of the Commonwealth.

13 ➔Section 3. The following KRS section is repealed:

14 162.062 Plans for new public school buildings required to provide sufficient water bottle  
15 filling stations and drinking fountains -- Specifications for design and maintenance  
16 of water bottle filling stations and drinking fountains.