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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 235
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after the first “Solar” insert “**and Geothermal**”; in the same line, strike “– **Solar Panels on Schools**”; strike beginning with “local” in line 3 down through “technology” in line 8 and substitute “a county board of education, during a certain phase of the construction or major renovation of a school building, to evaluate the use of solar panels on the roof of the school and geothermal heating and cooling systems; prohibiting the Interagency Commission on School Construction from delaying the approval of certain projects under a certain circumstance; and generally relating to solar and geothermal technologies in public school construction”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 26 on page 2 and substitute:

“(a) [The Interagency Commission shall adopt regulations that require the design development documents for the construction or major renovation of school buildings submitted by a county board to the Interagency Commission to include] **FOR THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR RENOVATION OF A SCHOOL BUILDING, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL:**

(1) [An] **INCLUDE AN** evaluation of the use of solar technologies, including [photovoltaic or solar water heating, based on life cycle costs] **SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL, AND THE USE OF GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS;** and

(2) If [an evaluation] **THE COUNTY BOARD** determines that solar technologies **OR GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS** are not appropriate for a construction or major renovation project, **SUBMIT a report TO THE INTERAGENCY**

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COMMISSION that explains why the use of the technology OR SYSTEMS is not appropriate.

(b) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY NOT DELAY THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR RENOVATION OF A SCHOOL BUILDING IF A COUNTY BOARD'S EVALUATION AND REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(c) On or before December 31 of each year, the Interagency Commission shall submit a report on the number of public school construction and major renovation projects in each jurisdiction that use solar technologies OR GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(d) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

On page 2, in line 28, after "2023" insert ", and shall be applicable to public school construction and major renovation projects that have initiated design document development on or after June 1, 2023".