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710B.

(a) The State shall pay 100 percent of the approved acquisition, construction, and renovation costs, including architectural services and capital equipment in excess of any available federal funds, for centers acquired, constructed, or renovated pursuant to § 710(b), (d), (e), or (f) and in accordance with this section. The SECRETARY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE Board of Public Works, shall, by regulations ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, determine what are approved costs.

(b) The State shall, in addition, enter into an agreement with the county or counties to provide a State subsidy to pay all approved operating costs for centers in excess of any available federal funds and inmate contributions. The SECRETARY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE Board of Public Works, shall, by regulations ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, determine what are approved operating costs. The regulations shall include as approved operating costs all reasonable operating expenses necessary to insure that the centers meet the minimum standards adopted by the Secretary. The State subsidy shall be determined as follows:

(1) First, the approved operating costs of the center in excess of available federal funds and contributions for room and board by the inmates shall be paid by the State.

(2) This per diem approved cost shall then, on a daily basis, be divided by the number of inmates then residing in the center.

(3) The amount of the State subsidy shall be the per diem per person approved cost in excess of available federal funds and inmate contributions times the number of persons residing in the center each day who, pursuant to § 710C: (i) have been placed in the center under a sentence of more than 90 days; or (ii) have been transferred to the center.

(4) The State subsidy shall be paid at least quarterly, and more often as determined by the Board of Public Works.

(c) The agreement for a State subsidy shall be negotiated and entered into prior to the commencement of construction or renovation of a center.

(d) If a county obtains federal funds specifically designated to finance programs or staff in excess of the minimum State standards adopted by the Secretary, it may accept and use