

BY adding to

Article - Education
Section 5-301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume)

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

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5-301.1.

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATED COST INCREASES" MEANS THE DIFFERENCE, DETERMINED IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, BETWEEN THE LIFE CYCLE COST IF SOLAR ENERGY IS USED FOR AT LEAST 20% OF THE ENERGY OR DEMAND NEEDS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THE LIFE CYCLE COST IF SOLAR ENERGY IS NOT USED FOR THE ENERGY OR DEMAND NEEDS OF A PROJECT, IF USING SOLAR ENERGY IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN NOT USING SOLAR ENERGY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT.~~

~~(B) THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM TO USE SOLAR ENERGY IN NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE STATE.~~

~~(C) (1) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL OPERATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(2) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL:~~

~~(I) USE SOLAR ENERGY FOR AT LEAST 20% OF THE ENERGY OR DEMAND NEEDS OF A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR APPROVAL;~~

~~(II) APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROJECT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR APPROVAL IF THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT USE SOLAR ENERGY FOR AT LEAST 20% OF THE ENERGY OR DEMAND NEEDS OF THE PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE ASSOCIATED COST INCREASES; OR~~

~~(III) SHOW CAUSE, FOR REASONS OTHER THAN THE ASSOCIATED COST INCREASES, IN THE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS WHY THE COUNTY BOARD DOES NOT USE SOLAR ENERGY FOR AT LEAST 20% OF THE ENERGY OR DEMAND NEEDS OF THE PROJECT.~~

~~(3) A GRANT APPLICATION OF A COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE FOR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ASSOCIATED COST INCREASES.~~

~~(4) WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

~~(I) REVIEW THE GRANT APPLICATION;~~