

Article - Education

5-301.

(a) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) For the purposes of this section other than subsection (c), the Board of Public Works shall define by regulation what constitutes an [approved] ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE public school construction or capital improvement cost.

(2) (I) THE PURCHASE OF RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS SHALL BE AN ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION OR CAPITAL COST.

(II) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT DEFINE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS AND ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS WHICH MAY BE PURCHASED USING STATE FUNDS.

(III) IN THE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2008, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$1,000,000 FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO BE USED TO FUND THE STATE SHARE OF THE COST OF PURCHASING RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS.

(3) The cost of acquiring land may not be considered a construction or capital improvement cost and may not be paid by the State.

[(b)](C) The State shall pay the costs in excess of available federal funds of [all] THE STATE SHARE OF public school construction projects and public school capital improvements in each county if:

(1) The projects or improvements have been approved by the Board of Public Works; and

(2) Contracts have been executed on or after July 1, 1971 for the projects or improvements.

[(c) (1) In this subsection, "local debt for school construction" includes any debt incurred as the result of money made available to a county under a bond issue that obligates the credit of the State.

(2) Except for general public school construction loan debt outstanding or obligated as of June 30, 1967 for which repayment by a county is no longer required, the State shall reimburse each county for the full costs of principal and interest payments on any local debt for school construction outstanding or obligated as of June 30, 1967.

(d) The State shall pay all of the annual cost of debt service on school construction debt incurred by each county that was outstanding or obligated on or after June 30, 1967 for contracts let before June 30, 1967.]