

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

~~3-602.~~

~~(d) (1) (i) In this paragraph, "high performance building" means a building that:~~

~~1. achieves at least a silver rating according to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System as adopted in 2001 or subsequently by the Maryland Green Building Council;~~

~~2. achieves at least a two globe rating according to the Green Globes Program as adopted by the Green Building Initiative;~~

~~3. achieves at least a comparable numeric rating according to a nationally recognized, accepted, and appropriate numeric sustainable development rating system, guideline, or standard; or~~

~~4. meets nationally recognized, consensus based, and accepted green building guidelines, standards, or systems approved by the State.~~

~~(ii) 1. [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 3-602.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A unit of State government requesting an appropriation for preliminary planning of a proposed capital project may include in its request a justification for proposing that a building in the project is appropriate for design as a high performance building.~~

~~2. [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 3-602.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF justification is submitted under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph concerning a building in a proposed capital project, the Department shall review whether it is practicable and fiscally prudent to incorporate in the capital project the use of a comprehensive process of design and construction that would result in the building being a high performance building.~~

~~(2) Before an appropriation may be authorized for preliminary planning of a proposed capital project:~~

~~(i) the unit of the State government requesting the appropriation shall submit to the Department a program describing, in detail, the scope and purpose of the project; and~~