



H.B. 298

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Directs the board of building standards to adopt rules for state buildings and school buildings that comply with the LEED Green Building Rating System (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), environmentally friendly standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.
- Requires that state buildings and school buildings be designed, constructed, renovated, and maintained in compliance with the LEED based rules.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Green building rating system

The bill requires the board of building standards to adopt rules that comply with the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System and certification process of the United States Green Building Council. (R.C. 3781.106.) The bill further requires that all state buildings and school buildings owned or operated, in whole or in part, by the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, the governing board of an educational service center, or a governing authority of a community school be designed, constructed, renovated, and maintained in compliance with the LEED based rules. (R.C. 153.02(B), 3313.377 (B), and 3314.042.)

Definitions

The bill includes the following definitions:

"State building" means any building owned or operated, in whole or in part, by a state agency (R.C. 153.02(A)(1)).

"State agency" means every department, bureau, board, commission, office, agency, or other organized body established by the constitution or laws of this state for the exercise of any function of state government, including, but not limited to the general assembly, legislative agencies, the supreme court, the court of claims, and state-supported institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code (R.C. 153.02 (A)(2).)

"School building" means any building owned or operated, in whole or in part, by the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district or by the governing board of an educational service center. (R.C. 3313.377.)

COMMENT

The LEED Green Building rating system is a system that rates buildings according to the degree to which they are "green" or environmentally friendly. The system is developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, an advocacy group supporting "green" buildings and encouraging the public sector to "green its buildings."

The system is based on 69 possible points that a building may obtain for different environmentally friendly components. Under the system, buildings that are environmentally friendly fall into one of four categories: LEED Platinum (52 or more points); LEED Gold (39 to 51 points); LEED Silver (33 to 38 points); and LEED Certified (26 to 32 points).

The bill does not specify to which LEED category the state buildings and school buildings in Ohio must comply.

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