A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING ADDING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES A REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Under current law, the public school capital construction assistance board establishes guidelines for considering applications for money from the public school capital construction assistance fund. The bill adds to the considerations in the guidelines consulting with the local electric utility on beneficial electrification and distributed generation.
opportunities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-107, amend (2) as follows:

22-43.7-107. Public school facility construction guidelines - establishment by board - use. (2) The public school facility construction guidelines shall identify and describe the capital construction, renovation, and equipment needs in public school facilities and means of addressing those needs that will provide educational and safety benefits at a reasonable cost. In preparing the guidelines, the board shall address the following considerations:

(a) Health and safety issues, including security needs and all applicable building, health, safety, and environmental codes and standards required by state and federal law;

(b) Technology, including but not limited to telecommunications and internet connectivity technology, technology for individual student learning and classroom instruction, and technology, as defined in section 22-43.7-109 (5)(a)(I)(B), which includes hardware, devices, or equipment necessary for individual student learning and classroom instruction, including access to electronic instructional materials, or necessary for professional use by a classroom teacher;

(c) Building site requirements;

(d) Building performance standards and guidelines, including but not limited to green building and energy efficiency criteria as specified in executive order D0012 07, "Greening of State Government: Detailed Implementation", issued by the governor on April 16, 2007, or any
subsequent executive orders or other policy directives concerning green
building and energy efficiency criteria issued by the governor or the
Colorado energy office;

(e) Consultation with the incumbent electric utility
regarding beneficial electrification and distributed generation
opportunities;

(f) Functionality of existing and planned public school
facilities for core educational programs, particularly those educational
programs for which the state board has adopted state model content
standards;

(g) Capacity of existing and planned public school facilities,
taking into consideration potential expansion of services for the benefit
of students such as full-day kindergarten and preschool- and school-based
health services;

(h) Public school facility accessibility; and

(i) The historic significance of existing public school facilities
and the potential to meet current programming needs by rehabilitating
such facilities.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.