

Attachment C

SB 21-198

Concerning the Repeal of a Requirement that the State Auditor Annually Report Uses of State Education Fund Money for School Capital Construction to Certain Committees of the General Assembly

What Would This Bill Do?

Repeals the requirement for the State Auditor to annually examine records for each school district in the state to determine the amount of state education fund moneys expended by each district for capital construction and to identify the schools and projects on which school districts expended the funds. Statute also requires the State Auditor to annually report information from this review to the Legislative Audit Committee, Senate and House Education Committees, and Joint Budget Committee.

Why Are These Changes Being Requested?

The requirement for this annual report dates back to 2002. At that time, state education fund moneys were being expended for school districts' capital construction projects. In 2008, the Building Excellent Schools Today Act (BEST Act) established the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Program, creating a different mechanism to fund capital construction projects for school districts. As a result, the required annual report now covers only charter schools' capital construction projects of approximately \$20 million.

We have confirmed with the Chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees and the education analyst of the Joint Budget Committee that the annual report is not being used.