

HB 1667 -- Environmentally Sustainable Construction for
State-Funded Buildings

Sponsor: McNeil

This bill establishes requirements for environmentally sustainable construction for state-funded buildings. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires all major state-funded facility projects to be designed, constructed, and at least certified as receiving two globes using the Green Globes Rating System or the Silver standard as established by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED);
- (2) Defines "major facility project" as a state-funded new construction project with more than 5,000 square footage, a renovation project involving more than 50% of the square footage or occupancy displacement, or a commercial interior fit-out project with more than 7,000 square feet of leasable area;
- (3) Exempts a correctional facility constructed for the departments of Corrections and Mental Health and certain buildings that do not have air conditioning;
- (4) Allows the Office of Administration to petition the General Assembly to require all major facility projects to be certified to a high-performance building rating system standard in addition to or in lieu of the systems in these provisions;
- (5) Requires inspections by a third-party commissioning agent for all facilities which were certified at the LEED Silver or two globes standard or higher and the agent to report its findings to the Office of Administration and the department occupying the facility;
- (6) Requires the Office of Administration to develop and implement a process to monitor and evaluate the energy and environmental benefits of each project; and
- (7) Requires the Office of Administration to submit a report regarding major facility projects to the House of Representatives and the Senate committees on Energy and Environment.