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school facilities board revisions

Purpose

Modifies school district building reporting requirements and other School Facilities Board (SFB) statutes.

Background

The SFB is required to make assessments of school facilities and equipment deficiencies and approve the distribution of grants as appropriate. The SFB maintains and annually updates a database in order to administer the Building Renewal Grant Fund and the New School Facilities formula. School districts are required to report to the SFB information required by the SFB for monetary distributions no later than September 1 each year. The SFB is permitted to review or audit the information and to subsequently confirm the information. The SFB also inspects school buildings at least once every five years to ensure compliance with building adequacy standards and routine preventative maintenance guidelines with respect to construction of new buildings and maintenance of existing buildings.

The SFB is required to provide funding to school districts for new construction as the number of pupils in the district fills the existing school facilities and requires more pupil space. The SFB also distributes monies appropriated from the Legislature into the Building Renewal Grant Fund based on grant requests from school districts to fund primary building renewal projects. Project requests are prioritized by the SFB with priority given to school districts that have provided routine preventative maintenance on the facility, and to districts that can provide a match of monies provided by the Fund. School districts must use monies received from the Fund on projects for buildings that are listed in the SFB's database.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Specifies that the SFB building database must include all buildings that are owned by school districts.
2. Requires school districts to include in their building reports the following:
 - a) the nature and cost of major repairs, renovations or physical improvements to, or replacement of, building systems or equipment that were made in the previous year and that were paid for either with local monies or Building Renewal Grant Fund monies; and

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- b) any school or school buildings that have been closed, leased to another entity or that operate as a charter school.
- 3. Requires school districts to be responsible for any costs associated with the conversion, maintenance and replacement of any space the district converts to be used for administrative purposes.
- 4. Establishes a formula to recalculate the age of a school facility in the database if the building is significantly upgraded or remodeled.
- 5. Eliminates the requirement that the SFB inventory and inspect all school buildings in the state in order to develop a database for the administration of the Building Renewal Grant Fund and the New School Facilities formula.
- 6. Specifies that square footage used solely for district administration, storage of vehicles and other nonacademic purposes must be excluded from the net, rather than the gross, square footage when determining minimum adequacy standards.
- 7. Specifies that routine preventative maintenance for school facilities includes services recommended by the manufacturer of the specific building system or equipment.
- 8. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 9. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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