

CHAPTER 96

AN ACT concerning school facilities projects and amending and supplementing P.L.2000, c.72.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.18A:7G-24.1 Information submitted by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority.

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.137 (C.52:18A-237), shall biannually compile information for inclusion in the biannual report required to be submitted by the development authority pursuant to section 24 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-24) on the number of school facilities project construction contracts entered into between the development authority and minority and women contractors during the prior six-month period covered in the report. The information shall include the total value of the contracts and the percentage that those contracts represent of all school facilities project contracts entered into between the development authority and contractors in the prior six-month period.

2. Section 24 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-24) shall be amended to read as follows:

C.18A:7G-24 Biannual report on school facilities construction program.

24. The development authority, in consultation with the State Treasurer, the financing authority, and the commissioner, shall biannually submit to the Governor, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly a report on the school facilities construction program established pursuant to the provisions of this act. The report shall be submitted no later than June 1 and December 1 of each year and shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for the prior six-month period: the number of school facilities projects approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5); the number of projects undertaken and funded by the development authority; the information on construction contracts required to be compiled pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2010, c.96 (C.18A:7G-24.1); the aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the financing authority for the State share of construction and renovation of school facilities and whether there is a need to adjust the aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other obligations authorized for issuance pursuant to subsection a. of section 14 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-14); the number of approved projects which exceeded the facilities efficiency standards, the components of those projects which exceeded the standards, and the amount of construction by individual districts and Statewide estimated to have exceeded the standards; and recommendations for changes in the school facilities construction program established pursuant to this act which have been formulated as a result of its experience with the program or through collaboration with program stakeholders.

In addition, the biannual report shall include a comparison of the costs of school facilities projects undertaken and funded by the development authority to similar school facilities projects constructed in the New York City Metropolitan Statistical Area and the Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the United States Department of Labor. The development authority shall include in the report an explanation of the methodology used in making the comparison.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 8, 2010.