

57 Section 2. Section 53A-20-110 is enacted to read:

58 **53A-20-110. Board to adopt public school construction guidelines.**

59 (1) As used in this section:

60 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

61 (b) "Public school construction" means construction work on a new public school.

62 (2) ~~§~~→ (a) ←~~§~~ The board shall:

63 ~~§~~→ ~~(a)~~ (i) ←~~§~~ adopt guidelines for public school construction; and

64 ~~§~~→ ~~(b)~~ (ii) ←~~§~~ consult with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management

65 Administration on proposed guidelines before adoption.

65a ~~§~~→ **(b) The board shall ensure that guidelines adopted under Subsection (2)(a)(i) maximize**  
 65b **funds used for public school construction and reflect efficient and economic use of those funds,**  
 65c **including adopting guidelines that address a school's essential needs rather than encouraging**  
 65d **or endorsing excessive costs per square foot of construction or nonessential facilities, design, or**  
 65e **furnishings.** ←~~§~~

66 (3) Before a school district or charter school may begin public school construction, the  
 67 school district or charter school shall:

68 (a) review the guidelines adopted by the board under this section; and

69 (b) take into consideration the guidelines when planning the public school  
 70 construction.

71 (4) In adopting the guidelines for public school construction, the board shall consider  
 72 the following and adopt alternative guidelines as needed:

73 (a) location factors, including whether the school is in a rural or urban setting, and  
 74 climate factors;

75 (b) variations in guidelines for significant or minimal projected student population  
 76 growth;

77 (c) guidelines specific to schools that serve various populations and grades, including  
 78 high schools, junior high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, alternative schools, and  
 79 schools for people with disabilities; and

80 (d) year-round use.

81 (5) The guidelines shall address the following:

82 (a) square footage per student;

83 (b) minimum and maximum required real property for a public school;

84 (c) athletic facilities and fields, playgrounds, and hard surface play areas;

85 (d) cost per square foot;