



Senate Bill No. 2002

June Special Session, Public Act No. 05-6

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 20. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for any school building project authorized by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2005, classrooms or libraries shall be constructed or altered in accordance with American National Standard: Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design Requirements and Guidelines for Schools, ANSI S12. 60-2002. The provisions of this section shall not apply to classrooms or libraries where adequate acoustical modifications cannot be made without compromising health and safety, or the educational purpose or function of a specific classroom or library.

(b) A local or regional board of education may apply to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver from the standard required in subsection (a) of this section for any relocatable classroom that will be used by the same school for a period of less than thirty-six months and the commissioner shall grant such waiver provided the application includes evidence that the board, with notice to parents, students and teachers, held a public hearing on the effects that required acoustical standards for classrooms may have on a student's ability to learn.