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Summary of Amendment #A09755 to Senate Bill 1136

Amendment Sponsor: MJ White

- Limits Purpose section to promote effective energy and environmental standards for construction and rehabilitation of buildings in the commonwealth.
- Removes buildings leased by a Commonwealth Agency and the renovation of a state owned building renovation from the definition of “major facility project”.
- Increases the size of a state-owned construction project under the definition of “major facility project” from 5,000 gross square feet to 10,000 gross square feet.
- Removes the definition of *rapidly growing school district* and *renovation project*.
- Removes existing language and clarifies that the high performance building standards are designed to achieve the following:
 1. Optimize the energy performance of state buildings in the commonwealth.
 2. Reduce potential discharge of pollutants from buildings.
 3. Reduce building-related health problems.
 4. Reduce dependence upon imported sources of energy.
 5. Reduce waste generation and reduce water consumption.
 6. Improve the commonwealth’s ability to build and operate high-performance buildings.
 7. Provide postconstruction review and verification of compliance with all standards under this subsection.
- Lowers the Energy Star Certification from 85 to 75.

- Removes rapidly growing school districts from the scope of the act and clarifies that all major facility projects shall meet or exceed the prescribed level of achievement under the high-performance building standards.
- Requires annual reports to be given to the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees and the Senate and House State Government Committees.
- No longer requires DGS to work in consultation with DEP on developing regulations.
- Removes “actual savings” from the report.
- Removes section on monitoring and evaluation.
- Prohibits the application of this bill to major facility projects where design commences at least 60 days after the final regulations are promulgated by DGS.
- Creates a new section which states that the Department will not enforce the provisions of this act as they apply to building projects owned by a Commonwealth Agency until the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of the Budget determine there is adequate funding available to cover additional costs resulting from compliance with the requirements of the act.
- Makes additional technical changes.
- The act shall take effect in 60 days.