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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, and Calkin

Date Introduced: March 20, 2018

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-24-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-24 entitled "The Green
2 Buildings Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-24-4. Green building standards.**

4 (a) All major facility projects of public agencies shall be designed and constructed to ~~at~~
5 ~~least the~~ meet or exceed the following standards:

6 (1) ~~LEED- LEED~~, LEED for Neighborhood ~~Development- Development~~, and ~~SITES-~~
7 ~~SITES, as provided herein, certified or an equivalent high performance, green building standard.;~~

8 (2) Green globes certification as established by the Green Building Institute, a 501(c)(3)
9 nonprofit organization;

10 (3) American National Standards Institute (ANSI); or

11 (4) Substantially equivalent standards as determined by the director of administration.

12 This provision applies to major facility projects or other public improvements of any kind
13 to any public real property that have not entered the design phase prior to January 1, 2010, for
14 LEED, and July 1, 2017, for LEED for Neighborhood Development, ~~and~~ SITES and green globes
15 certification through December 31, 2020, or for up to four (4) projects, whichever comes first,
16 unless otherwise continued or expanded by the general assembly.

17 (b) All major facility projects of a public school district, where the project receives any
18 funding from the state, shall be designed and constructed to at least the ~~LEED- LEED~~, LEED for
19 Neighborhood ~~Development- Development~~, ~~and SITES- SITES~~ and green globes certification, as

1 provided herein, certified ~~standard~~ standards, or the Northeast Collaborative for High-
2 Performance Schools Protocol, Version 1.1 or above. This provision applies to major facility
3 projects or other public improvements of any kind to any public real property that have not
4 entered the design phase prior to January 1, 2010, LEED for Neighborhood Development, ~~and~~
5 SITES and green globes certification through December 31, 2020 or for up to four (4) projects,
6 whichever comes first, unless otherwise continued or expanded by the general assembly.

7 (c) A major facility project does not have to meet the ~~LEED- LEED~~, LEED for
8 Neighborhood ~~Development- Development~~, ~~and SITES- SITES~~ or green globes certified standard
9 or an equivalent high-performance, green-building standard if:

10 (1) There is no appropriate LEED, LEED for Neighborhood Development, ~~and~~ SITES or
11 green globes standard or other high-performance, green-building standard for that type of
12 building or renovation project or other public improvements of any kind to any public real
13 property. In such case, the department will set lesser green-building standards that are appropriate
14 to the project.

15 (2) There is no practical way to apply the LEED, LEED for Neighborhood Development,
16 ~~and~~ SITES or green globes standard or other high-performance, green-building standard to a
17 particular building or renovation project or other public improvements of any kind to any public
18 real property. In such case, the department will set lesser green-building standards that are
19 appropriate to the project.

20 (d) The provisions related to LEED for Neighborhood Development, ~~and~~ SITES and
21 green globes certification shall continue through December 31, 2020, for up to four (4) projects
22 selected by the department, subject to evaluation and continuation by the general assembly
23 thereafter.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require major facility projects of public agencies to meet green globes
2 certification as established by the Green Building Initiative and the standards of American
3 National Standards Institute (ANSI) in addition to the pre-existing requirements of LEED (United
4 States Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), LEED for
5 Neighborhood Development and SITES (United States Green Building Council's Sustainable
6 Sites Initiative). Exceptions are made where not practical.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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