

## HOUSE BILL No. 2624

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 AN ACT concerning construction of new buildings; relating to schools,  
10 colleges and universities; relating to energy efficiency.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) Prior to the construction of any new school building,  
14 the board of education shall conduct a cost study concerning the con-  
15 struction of an energy efficient school building and the construction of a  
16 non-energy efficient school building. In conducting the cost study, the  
17 board of education shall include estimates of the operation and mainte-  
18 nance costs of an energy efficient school building and a non-energy ef-  
19 ficient school building.

20 (b) If the cost study determines the additional costs of building an  
21 energy efficient school building is 2.5% less than the cost of constructing  
22 the non-energy efficient school building, or if construction of the energy  
23 efficient school building would result in avoided energy costs that are  
24 equal to or greater than the additional costs over a five year period, then  
25 the board of education shall be required to construct an energy efficient  
26 school building.

27 (c) After construction of an energy efficient school building, the  
28 board of education shall monitor and maintain a record of the operation  
29 and maintenance costs and savings for the building every month.

30 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the construction  
31 of any new school building if the bidding for the construction has closed  
32 and that contract has been awarded prior to the effective date of this act.

33 (e) As used in subsections (a) through (d):

34 (1) "Board of education" means the board of education of any school  
35 district.

36 (2) "Energy efficient" means the use of extra insulation, weather-  
37 proofing and any other features or equipment designed to reduce the cost  
38 of energy for heating, cooling, lighting and hot water.

39 (3) "School building" means any building or structure operated or  
40 used for any purpose by, or located upon the land of, any school district  
41 or any accredited private. "School building" does not mean any owner-  
42 occupied, single-family dwelling in which instruction is provided by a  
43 home school.

- 1     Sec. 2. (a) Prior to the construction of any new building, the postse-  
2     condary educational institution shall conduct a cost study concerning the  
3     construction of an energy efficient building and the construction of a non-  
4     energy efficient building. In conducting the cost study, the postsecondary  
5     educational institution shall include estimates of the operation and main-  
6     tenance costs of an energy efficient building and a non-energy efficient  
7     building.
- 8     (b) If the cost study determines the additional costs of building an  
9     energy efficient building is 2.5% less than the cost of constructing the  
10    non-energy efficient building, or if construction of the energy efficient  
11    building would result in avoided energy costs that are equal to or greater  
12    than the additional costs over a five year period, then the postsecondary  
13    educational institution shall be required to construct an energy efficient  
14    building.
- 15    (c) After construction of an energy efficient building, the postsecon-  
16    dary educational institution shall monitor and maintain a record of the  
17    operation and maintenance costs and savings for the building every  
18    month.
- 19    (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the construction  
20    of any new building if the bidding for the construction has closed and  
21    that contract has been awarded prior to the effective date of this act.
- 22    (e) As used in subsections (a) through (d):
- 23    (1) “Building” means any building or structure operated or used for  
24    any purpose by, or located upon the land of, any postsecondary educa-  
25    tional institution or private postsecondary educational institution.
- 26    (2) “Energy efficient” means the use of extra insulation, weather-  
27    proofing and any other features or equipment designed to reduce the cost  
28    of energy for heating, cooling, lighting and hot water.
- 29    (3) “Postsecondary educational institution” has the meaning ascribed  
30    thereto in K.S.A. 74- 3201b, and amendments thereto.
- 31    Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32    publication in the Kansas register.