

HB 501 -- High Performance Energy Efficient Schools Act

Sponsor: McNeil

Beginning January 1, 2014, this bill requires school districts to use a free online system provided by the federal Energy Star program to create and maintain a portfolio of energy efficiency ratings for the district's school and administrative buildings. Each district will report the results to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, maintain a database of the district's annual results, and publish the results on the department's website. The district may request a waiver of the audit requirements for financial hardship and may substitute the results with the results of a professional energy audit in certain circumstances.