

**SB 128 (Lowenthal – D) School facilities funding: high-performance schools.**

**Recommended Position:**  
SUPPORT

**Approved Position:**

**Date:**

The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 (the 2006 Bond Act) sets aside \$100 million of the proceeds of the bonds sold under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1999 (the Greene Act) for incentive grants to promote the use of design and materials in new construction and modernization projects that include the attributes of high-performance schools. Approximately \$75 million remains unspent.

Generally, high performing schools are more energy efficient and provide healthier learning environments due to designs that consider natural lighting, indoor air quality, and efficient use of energy and water, among other features.

Existing law authorizes a modernization apportionment to be used for an improvement to extend the useful life of, or to enhance the physical environment of, the school, and specifies the types of costs that may be included in the improvement.

SB 128 would add the cost of designs and materials that support the characteristics of high-performance schools to the types of costs that may be included in modernizations projects.

It would also make CTE projects eligible for an incentive grant if the project meets the criteria prescribed in the 2006 Bond Act for incentive grants to high-performance schools.

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