

1 Sec. 1. VERMONT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PLANNING GUIDE;
2 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; UPDATE

3 On or before January 15, 2021, the Secretary of Education, in consultation
4 with the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association, the
5 Chair of the State Board of Education, and the Commissioner of Buildings and
6 General Services, shall update the 2008 Vermont School Construction
7 Planning Guide, originally published by the Vermont Department of
8 Education. The update to the Guide shall reflect modern educational
9 requirements and opportunities.

10 Sec. 2. SCHOOL FACILITIES CONDITIONS ANALYSIS; AGENCY OF
11 EDUCATION; DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL
12 SERVICES

13 (a) The Secretary of Education, in coordination with the Commissioner of
14 Buildings and General Services, shall develop a plan for a school facilities
15 conditions analysis to inform the Agency of Education of the statewide school
16 facilities needs and costs. The analysis shall include a review of both school
17 facilities conditions and space needs.

18 (b) The Secretary of Education shall contract with an independent third
19 party to conduct the analysis described in subsection (a) of this section on or
20 before June 15, 2023.

21 (c) The amount of \$1,500,000.00 in general funds is appropriated to the
22 Secretary of Education to conduct the analysis described in this section.

1 Sec. 3. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING; STATE TREASURER;
2 VERMONT BOND BANK; REPORT

3 On or before December 15, 2023, the State Treasurer and the Executive
4 Director of the Vermont Bond Bank shall submit a report to the House
5 Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Education and the Senate
6 Committees on Education and on Institutions that shall include the following:

7 (1) an analysis of the challenges and opportunities to the State, if any, of
8 funding school construction projects; and

9 (2) recommendations for a funding source for school construction
10 projects that are linked to the inventory, needs, and conditions of all Vermont
11 schools.