School Facilities Inventory and Conditions Assessment

Act 72 of 2021, Section 3



Report to the House and Senate Committees on Education

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Legislation

This report is submitted pursuant to <u>Act 72 of 2021, Sec. 3</u>. This legislation requires the Agency to report the findings of the school facilities inventory described in this section, and a progress update on the conditions assessment described in this section.

Status Update

Pursuant to statute, the current status of both the inventory and assessment are outlined below:

Facilities Inventory, Completed on or Before January 15, 2022

An RFP for conducting an inventory of school facilities was published and a contract for this work was awarded to Bureau Veritas. The contractor completed an initial phase of the work, but it was decided to extend the contract through March 2022 to give school districts more time to respond.

A complete report on this work will be available later this spring.

Facilities Assessment, Completed on or Before October 1, 2022

This work has not yet started. An RFP is planned for publication after completion of the inventory. Data from the inventory will be used to inform the design of the assessment RFP.

General Note on Impact of Pandemic on Agency Capacity

Managing the COVID-19 pandemic response in PreK-12 education has put a significant strain on Agency resources and has negatively impacted its ability to respond to these statutory requirements. Additionally, in the last legislative session an unprecedented number of new reporting requirements for the agency were enacted by the General Assembly which also has adversely impacted Agency capacity to meet these requirements.

