

Amendment: 29

Representative Whitmire proposes the following amendment:

Department of Education

New

1.dorp (District Office Renovation Pilot) Of the funds appropriated to the Office of School Facilities (OSF) within the South Carolina Department of Education for the current fiscal year, a pilot to assess the permitting, inspection, certification, and building codes/standards performed by a local jurisdiction and their capacity related to a school district office renovation/addition projects shall be overseen by OSF. Projects within the pilot may not exceed 18,000 square feet and is not intended for any structure where student instruction, classroom use, and/or student activities take place. The local jurisdiction must sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to be accept liability of the projects within the pilot. The OSF will review the Construction Design plans and conduct overhead and final inspections of the local jurisdiction's review and inspections to assess for quality, safety, and adherence to the OSF Guide. The chapter 1 inspector will not be used for the OSF review and inspections. The OSF may conduct mid check-in inspections prior to the overhead and final inspections. The district will communicate the inspection dates/times and must provide copies of the permits, associated costs, certifications, inspection reports and any other information needed to evaluate safety and effectiveness of the pilot. The SCDE will report to the General Assembly by June 30 of the current fiscal year comparing inefficiencies or areas for improvement related to renovations timelines, inconsistencies in application or interpretation of building code requirements, available training and technical expertise, and cost of renovations.