



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1313 Printer's No. 1926

Prime Sponsor: Senator White
Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Amends the Procurement Code to clarify language relating to the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act or "GESA" (Act).

SUMMARY:

The Act allows local governments, schools, and other state and local agencies to receive state funding to enter into guaranteed energy savings contracts with Energy Service Companies (ESCO's) to offset the cost of infrastructure improvements. The costs savings gained from energy savings are used to pay the debt on financing the construction or installation of the energy savings measures.

In order to clarify what costs are qualified under the Act, the bill adds a definition for "operating costs," which is an existing term in the Act. This definition is also in line with the federal definition contained in the Federal Energy Management Guidelines under the Federal Department of Energy.

It also makes further enhancements to the "Definitions" section of the Act, by; adding further explanation to various provisions in the definition of "energy conservation measure;" and including new definitions for "energy-related cost savings" and "energy savings company."

Effective Date: 60 Days.

AMENDMENT AO8823

Amends existing Section 3754 (a) to require municipal or educational entities to have a clause in their GESA agreements that expressly state financial requirements that ESCOs will require users to pay upon declaration of savings.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to Senate State Government on June 13, 2016

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