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HB 2496 passes the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor

HB 2496 - Schools; Energy and Water Savings (Contracting Mechanism for Schools):

- * Increases energy efficiency and reduces utility (energy and water) costs in schools by creating a utility savings contracting mechanism to enable energy and water saving projects.
- * Reduces utility costs in schools by creating an energy and water savings contracting mechanism to allow utility cost savings accounted for in the Maintenance & Operations portion of school budgets to pay for the capital investment in energy or water saving measures.

This enables schools to use funding from utility companies to implement energy and water saving measures.

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