WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-9F-2

§18-9F-2. Definitions.

As used in this article, these terms have the meanings ascribed unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) "Authority" means the School Building Authority of West Virginia;

(2) "Department of Education" means the West Virginia Department of Education;

(3) "New school building" means any public school in the state for educating students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, for which design and construction begin after July 1, 2007;

(4) "Project cost" means the cost of:

- (A) Evaluating a school facility to ascertain its safety needs;
- (B) Determining appropriate measures to address safety needs;
- (C) Developing a safety plan;
- (D) Administering a safety project;

(E) The design, construction, renovation, repair and safety upgrading of a school's means of ingress and egress;

(F) Equipment, machinery, installation of utilities and other similar items necessary to making the project operational;

(G) Effectively maintaining structural and equipment investments made pursuant to this article, including, but not limited to, such provisions as maintenance contracts on security equipment and video surveillance services; and

(H) All other charges necessary, appurtenant or incidental to the provisions of this subdivision, including the cost of administering this article;

(5) "School Access Safety Fund" means the special account established in section five of this article;

(6) "School access safety plan" or "safety plan" means the comprehensive countywide school access safety plan that:

(A) Is prepared by each county board seeking funding under this article and incorporated into its comprehensive educational facilities plan in accordance with guidelines established July 17, 2025 Page 1 of 2 §18-9F-2

by the authority;

(B) Addresses the access safety needs for all school facilities in the county;

(C) Includes a projected school access safety repair and renovation schedule for all school facilities of the county; and

(D) Is required prior to the disbursement of state funds for a school access safety project pursuant to this article; and

(7) "School access safety project" or "safety project" means a project administered in furtherance of a school access safety plan pursuant to the provisions of this article.