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SUBJECT: **Co-sponsorship Memo – Design Build Legislation**

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In the near future, I will be introducing to allow school districts to use the design – build construction method when building or renovating schools.

Design-build is a method of project delivery in which one entity - the design-build team - works under a single contract with the project owner to provide design and construction services. According to the Design Build Institute of America, all states are embracing the increased use of design – build as a means to deliver public construction projects faster and with reduced costs.

According to a study produced by the Construction Industry Institute and Penn State, design build projects lower costs around 9%, projects are completed 33% faster, and quality is higher in all measured categories.

Already, Commonwealth agencies and counties are able to take advantage of this construction method. Local school districts, on the other hand, are not provided with clear authority to do so, causing school construction costs to be unnecessarily high.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at mknepper@pasen.gov or by phone at 772-2929.