

**76-7,140. Constructing, equipping, repairing, remodeling engineering facilities; state educational institutions, annual report.** (a) The board of regents and the state educational institutions are authorized to acquire, construct and equip engineering facilities on state-owned property of the board of regents or any state educational institution for purposes of educating engineers from any moneys of the board of regents or the state educational institutions available therefor, except that no such engineering facilities shall be acquired, constructed or equipped and no moneys shall be expended therefor unless the board of regents has first advised and consulted with the secretary and the joint committee on state building construction regarding the proposed engineering facilities and each capital improvement project proposed therefor. The engineering facilities shall become the property of the state upon completion and acceptance by the board of regents.

(b) The board of regents and the state educational institutions are authorized to initiate and complete capital improvement projects to repair, remodel or renovate state buildings and facilities of the state educational institutions for use as engineering facilities from any moneys of the board of regents or the state educational institutions, except that no such capital improvement project for such repair, remodeling or renovation shall be initiated unless the board of regents has first advised and consulted with the secretary and the joint committee on state building construction regarding the proposed engineering facilities and each such capital improvement project proposed therefor.

(c) Each state educational institution shall submit to the secretary and the board of regents a plan to provide for the annual maintenance and operation costs of any newly constructed engineering facility or capital improvement of an existing engineering facility when seeking funding for the making of such construction or improvement from the secretary or the board of regents.

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