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Overview

This bill exempts park buildings costing over \$500,000 from current statutes that require legislative notification and review requirements for public construction and remodeling projects. A park building project now has to have a program plan and total cost estimate presented by the responsible public entity to the chairs of the house capital investment committee and ways and means committee, and the senate finance committee for their advisory recommendations.

Currently several other capital projects are exempt from the law, including demolition or decommissioning of state assets, hazardous materials projects, environmental testing, parking lots, exterior lighting, fencing, highway rest stations, truck stations, trails, campgrounds, dams, floodwater retention systems, water access sites, sewer projects, and water and wastewater facilities.

By inclusion in the list of projects exempt from legislative notification, also exempts park buildings from the requirement to prepare a predesign package for the commissioner of administration's review and recommendation before proceeding with design activities.