

By Representative Pruitt

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to implementation of chapter  
3           97-384, Laws of Florida; amending s. 235.061,  
4           F.S.; revising standards for relocatable  
5           facilities intended for long-term use;  
6           requiring the adoption of certain standards;  
7           amending s. 235.062, F.S.; revising procedures  
8           for reducing the number of relocatable  
9           facilities in use; amending s. 235.15, F.S.;  
10          revising criteria for district educational  
11          plant surveys; revising requirements for  
12          department review and validation of school  
13          district and community college educational  
14          plant surveys; amending s. 235.186, F.S.;  
15          revising eligibility criteria for effort index  
16          grants; revising reporting requirements;  
17          requiring the Auditor General to certify  
18          certain district revenues and expenditures;  
19          providing for distribution of effort index  
20          grants; amending s. 235.2155, F.S.; revising  
21          the purpose of the SIT Program; amending s.  
22          235.218, F.S.; revising areas in which measures  
23          for evaluating school district facilities work  
24          programs will be developed and adopted;  
25          reenacting s. 235.062(2), F.S., relating to  
26          relocatable facilities, and s. 235.435(1)(e),  
27          (1)(g), and (4)(a), F.S., relating to funds for  
28          educational plant needs, to incorporate  
29          amendments to s. 235.15, F.S., in references;  
30          reenacting s. 235.186(3)(g), F.S., relating to  
31          effort index grants for school district

1 facilities work program projects to incorporate  
2 an amendment to s. 235.2155, F.S., in a  
3 reference; reenacting s. 235.217(1)(a), F.S.,  
4 relating to the SMART Schools Clearinghouse, to  
5 incorporate an amendment to s. 235.186, F.S.,  
6 in a reference; reenacting s. 235.26(2)(a),  
7 F.S., relating to the uniform statewide  
8 building code for public educational facilities  
9 construction, to incorporate an amendment to s.  
10 235.26, F.S., in a reference; providing an  
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 235.061, Florida  
16 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

17 235.061 Standards for relocatables used as classroom  
18 space; inspections.--

19 (1) The Commissioner of Education shall adopt rules  
20 establishing standards for relocatables intended for long-term  
21 use as classroom space at a public elementary school, middle  
22 school, or high school. "Long-term use" means the use of  
23 relocatables at the same educational plant for a period of 4  
24 years or more. ~~These rules must be implemented by July 1,~~  
25 ~~1998, and~~ Each relocatable constructed, purchased, or  
26 otherwise acquired by a district school board after the  
27 effective date of the rules and intended for long-term use  
28 must comply with the standards. Relocatable standards in  
29 effect for existing relocatables, whether constructed,  
30 purchased, or leased by the school district, apply to existing  
31 relocatables. New relocatable standards apply to newly

1 acquired relocatables, whether constructed, purchased, or  
2 leased by the school district after the effective date of the  
3 new standards.~~The rules shall require that, by July 1, 2001,~~  
4 ~~relocatables that fail to meet the standards may not be used~~  
5 ~~as classrooms.~~The standards shall protect the health, safety,  
6 and welfare of occupants by requiring compliance with the  
7 Uniform Building Code for Public Educational Facilities or  
8 other locally adopted state minimum building codes to ensure  
9 the safety and stability of construction and onsite  
10 installation; fire and moisture protection; air quality and  
11 ventilation; appropriate wind resistance; and compliance with  
12 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
13 1990. If appropriate, the standards must also require  
14 relocatables to provide access to the same technologies  
15 available to similar classrooms within the main school  
16 facility and, if appropriate, to be accessible by adequate  
17 covered walkways. By July 1, 2003, the commissioner shall  
18 adopt standards for all relocatables intended for long-term  
19 use as classrooms.A relocatable that is subject to this  
20 section and does not meet the standards shall not be reported  
21 as providing satisfactory student stations in the Florida  
22 Inventory of School Houses.

23 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
24 235.062, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to  
25 read:

26 235.062 Reduction of relocatable facilities in use.--

27 (1)(a) It is a goal of the Legislature that all school  
28 districts shall provide a safe, secure, and high-quality  
29 ~~quality~~ educational environment for their students such that,  
30 by July 1, 2003, ~~student stations in relocatable facilities~~  
31 ~~exceeding 20 years of age and in use by a district during the~~

1 ~~1998-1999 fiscal year shall be removed and~~ the number of all  
2 ~~other~~ relocatable student stations at over-capacity schools  
3 during the 1998-1999 ~~that~~ fiscal year shall be decreased by  
4 half. In addition, student stations in relocatable facilities  
5 in use by a district that exceed 20 years of age during the  
6 1998-1999 fiscal year and each year thereafter may only be  
7 used if they meet the new standards for long-term use  
8 relocatables.The Legislature finds, however, that necessary  
9 maintenance of existing facilities and public school  
10 enrollment growth impair the ability of some districts to  
11 achieve the goal of this section within 5 years. Therefore,  
12 the Legislature is increasing its commitment to school funding  
13 in this act, in part to help districts reduce the number of  
14 temporary, relocatable student stations at over-capacity  
15 schools. The Legislature intends that local school districts  
16 also increase their investment toward meeting this goal. Each  
17 district's progress toward meeting this goal shall be measured  
18 annually by comparing district facilities work programs for  
19 replacing relocatables with the state capital outlay  
20 projections for education prepared by the SMART Schools  
21 Clearinghouse pursuant to s. 235.217(3)(e). District  
22 facilities work programs shall be monitored by the SMART  
23 Schools Clearinghouse to measure the commitment of local  
24 school districts toward this goal.

25 Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
26 section 235.15, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended  
27 to read:

28 235.15 Educational plant survey; localized need  
29 assessment; PECO project funding.--

30 (1) At least every 5 years, each board, including the  
31 Board of Regents, shall arrange for an educational plant

1 survey, to aid in formulating plans for housing the  
2 educational program and student population, faculty,  
3 administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of  
4 the district or campus, including consideration of the local  
5 comprehensive plan. The Division of Workforce Development  
6 shall document the need for additional career and adult  
7 education programs and the continuation of existing programs  
8 before facility construction or renovation related to career  
9 or adult education may be included in the educational plant  
10 survey of a school district or community college that delivers  
11 career or adult education programs. Information used by the  
12 Division of Workforce Development to establish facility needs  
13 must include, but need not be limited to, labor market data,  
14 needs analysis, and information submitted by the school  
15 district or community college.

16 (b) Required need assessment criteria for district,  
17 community college, and state university plant surveys.--Each  
18 educational plant survey completed after December 31, 1997,  
19 must use uniform data sources and criteria specified in this  
20 paragraph. Each educational plant survey completed after June  
21 30, 1995, and before January 1, 1998, must be revised, if  
22 necessary, to comply with this paragraph. Each revised  
23 educational plant survey and each new educational plant survey  
24 supersedes previous surveys.

25 1. Each school district's educational plant survey  
26 must reflect the capacity of existing satisfactory facilities  
27 as reported in the Florida Inventory of School Houses.  
28 Projections of facility space needs may not exceed the norm  
29 space and occupant design criteria established by the State  
30 Requirements for Educational Facilities. Existing and  
31 projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student

1 enrollment must be consistent with data prepared by the  
2 department and must include all enrollment used in the  
3 calculation of the distribution formula in s. 235.435(3). All  
4 satisfactory relocatable classrooms, including those owned,  
5 lease-purchased, or leased by the school district, shall be  
6 included in the school district inventory of gross capacity of  
7 facilities and must be counted at actual student capacity for  
8 purposes of the inventory. For future needs determination,  
9 student capacity shall not be assigned to any relocatable  
10 classroom that is scheduled for elimination or replacement  
11 with a permanent educational facility in the adopted 5-year  
12 educational plant survey and in the district facilities work  
13 program adopted under s. 235.185. Those relocatables clearly  
14 identified and scheduled for replacement in the current year  
15 of ~~in~~ a school board adopted financially feasible 5-year  
16 district facilities work program shall be counted at zero  
17 capacity ~~at the time the work program is adopted and approved~~  
18 ~~by the school board~~. However, if the district facilities work  
19 program is changed or altered and the relocatables are not  
20 replaced as scheduled in the work program, they must then be  
21 reentered into the system for counting at actual capacity.  
22 Relocatables may not be perpetually added to the work program  
23 and continually extended for purposes of circumventing the  
24 intent of this section. All remaining relocatable classrooms,  
25 including those owned, lease-purchased, or leased by the  
26 school district, shall be counted at actual student capacity.  
27 The educational plant survey shall identify the number of  
28 relocatable student stations scheduled for replacement during  
29 the 5-year survey period and the total dollar amount needed  
30 for that replacement. All district educational plant surveys  
31 revised after July 1, 1998, shall include information on

1 leased space used for conducting the district's instructional  
2 program, in accordance with the recommendations of the  
3 department's report authorized in s. 235.056. A definition of  
4 satisfactory relocatable classrooms shall be established by  
5 rule of the department.

6           2. Each survey of a special facility, joint-use  
7 facility, or cooperative vocational education facility must be  
8 based on capital outlay full-time equivalent student  
9 enrollment data prepared by the department for school  
10 districts, by the Division of Community Colleges for community  
11 colleges, and by the Board of Regents for state universities.  
12 A survey of space needs of a joint-use facility shall be based  
13 upon the respective space needs of the school districts,  
14 community colleges, and universities, as appropriate.  
15 Projections of a school district's facility space needs may  
16 not exceed the norm space and occupant design criteria  
17 established by the State Requirements for Educational  
18 Facilities.

19           3. Each community college's survey must reflect the  
20 capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory  
21 maintained by the Division of Community Colleges. Projections  
22 of facility space needs must comply with standards for  
23 determining space needs as specified by rule of the State  
24 Board of Education. The 5-year projection of capital outlay  
25 student enrollment must be consistent with the annual report  
26 of capital outlay full-time student enrollment prepared by the  
27 Division of Community Colleges.

28           4. Each state university's survey must reflect the  
29 capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory  
30 maintained and validated by the Board of Regents. Projections  
31 of facility space needs must be consistent with standards for

1 determining space needs approved by the Board of Regents. The  
2 projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student  
3 enrollment must be consistent with the 5-year planned  
4 enrollment cycle for the State University System approved by  
5 the Board of Regents.

6           5. The educational plant survey of a school district,  
7 community college, or state university may include space needs  
8 that deviate from approved standards for determining space  
9 needs if the deviation is justified by the district or  
10 institution and approved by the department or the Board of  
11 Regents, as appropriate, as necessary for the delivery of an  
12 approved educational program.

13           (c) Review and validation.--~~When required by the~~  
14 ~~Constitution,~~The department shall review and validate the  
15 surveys of school districts and community colleges and any  
16 amendments thereto for compliance with the requirements of  
17 this chapter and shall recommend those in compliance for  
18 approval by the State Board of Education.

19           Section 4. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection  
20 (4), and paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 235.186,  
21 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended, and paragraphs  
22 (e), (f), and (g) are added to subsection (5) of said section  
23 to read:

24           235.186 Effort index grants for school district  
25 facilities work program projects.--

26           (1) PROJECT REVIEW; ELIGIBILITY.--Annually, the SMART  
27 Schools Clearinghouse established pursuant to s. 235.217 shall  
28 review the adopted district facilities work program of each  
29 district to ensure compliance with the provisions of s.  
30 235.185 and to determine the district's eligibility to receive  
31 an effort index grant for local school facilities projects



1 pursuant to this section. Projects identified in a district  
2 facilities work program which are eligible to receive an  
3 effort index grant shall be limited to those projects which  
4 provide new student stations and associated core facility  
5 space to meet projected growth in student membership  
6 requirements in K-12 programs. Projected growth shall be  
7 determined by comparing the district's existing student  
8 capacity reported in the Florida Inventory of School Houses  
9 and the districtwide enrollment cohort projections by grade  
10 group organization prepared by the Department of Education.  
11 Effort index grants shall not be provided to replace  
12 relocatable classrooms which meet standards.

13 (a) Only the following types of projects may be funded  
14 from effort index grant proceeds:

15 1. Construction of new permanent student stations at  
16 new or existing schools.

17 2. Core facilities associated with construction of new  
18 student stations.

19 3. Core facilities at existing schools where the  
20 capacity of permanent and relocatable student stations exceeds  
21 the capacity of the food service dining area by one third.

22 4. Replacement of relocatables that will be 20 years  
23 or greater in age on July 1, 2003.

24 (b) Effort index grants shall not be used for:

25 1. Remodeling and renovation of existing facilities.

26 2. Maintenance and repair of existing facilities.

27 3. Replacement of permanent facilities.

28 4. New student stations or core facilities in excess  
29 of requirements needed for projected growth.

30 5. Phased replacement of existing schools, purchase of  
31 land, site improvement, site development, ancillary

1 facilities, ancillary space, multipurpose rooms, stages,  
2 auditoria, hurricane shelters, student services, leased  
3 relocatables, or the design of new schools.

4 6. Any project not included in paragraph (a).

5 (4) COMPUTATION OF BASIC DISTRICT CAPITAL OUTLAY  
6 EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR INCLUSION IN CALCULATION FOR EFFORT  
7 INDEX GRANTS.--

8 (b) The computation of basic district capital outlay  
9 expenditures eligible for inclusion in the clearinghouse's  
10 calculation for effort index grants for projects initiated  
11 after July 1, 1997, shall be based upon the actual cost per  
12 student station or the cost per student station calculated  
13 pursuant to s. 235.435(6), whichever is less. A district is  
14 not eligible for an effort index grant if during the 5-year  
15 qualifying period for the effort index grant the district  
16 exercises a waiver from the Commissioner of Education to  
17 exceed the cost per student station established by s.  
18 235.435(6) for any project. During each year of the 5-year  
19 qualifying period for the effort index grant, the district  
20 shall spend from revenue generated by the discretionary  
21 capital outlay levy authorized by s. 236.25 an amount for new  
22 construction that is not less than the average amount spent by  
23 the district for new construction during the 3 previous years.

24 (5) ALLOCATION OF EFFORT INDEX GRANTS FOR DISTRICT  
25 FACILITIES.--

26 (b) Annually by November 1, the clearinghouse shall  
27 report to the Governor and the Legislature on the status of  
28 the eligible applicants for the effort index grants amount  
29 ~~required to fully fund effort index grants for each of the~~  
30 ~~following 5 years.~~

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1       (e) Effort index grants will be based on the 5-year  
2 qualifying period of the fiscal years 1998-1999 through  
3 2002-2003. During the fall of 1999, all school districts may  
4 resubmit applications for this qualifying period using  
5 criteria outlined in this section.

6       (f) The Auditor General shall annually audit the  
7 revenues and expenditures of each district designated as  
8 eligible for an effort index grant to certify that the  
9 district has spent from all eligible revenue sources an amount  
10 that is equivalent to the amount of funds projected to be  
11 available during the 5-year qualifying period from the sources  
12 outlined in subsection (2).

13       (g) Effort index grants shall not be distributed to an  
14 eligible district until the district has encumbered all  
15 Classrooms First bond proceeds and the Auditor General has  
16 certified that the district has met all of the eligibility  
17 requirements of this section. The Department of Education  
18 shall distribute effort index grant funds to eligible  
19 districts in the same manner used to distribute Classrooms  
20 First bond proceeds.

21       Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
22 235.2155, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to  
23 read:

24       235.2155 School Infrastructure Thrift Program Act.--

25       (3) The SIT Program is designed as:

26       (a) An incentive program to reward districts for:

27       1. Savings realized through functional, frugal  
28 construction.

29       2. Savings realized through the operation of charter  
30 schools in non-school-district facilities during the  
31 1996-1997, 1997-1998, and 1998-1999 school years.

1           Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
2 235.218, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to  
3 read:

4           235.218 School district facilities work program  
5 performance and productivity standards; development;  
6 measurement; application.--

7           (1) The SMART Schools Clearinghouse shall develop and  
8 adopt measures for evaluating the performance and productivity  
9 of school district facilities work programs. The measures may  
10 be both quantitative and qualitative and must, to the maximum  
11 extent practical, assess those factors that are within the  
12 districts' control. The measures must, at a minimum, assess  
13 performance in the following areas:

14           (d) Safety as it relates to the general conditions of  
15 the physical plant.

16           Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the  
17 amendment to section 235.15, Florida Statutes, 1998  
18 Supplement, in references thereto, the sections or  
19 subdivisions of Florida Statutes or Florida Statutes, 1998  
20 Supplement, set forth below are reenacted to read:

21           235.062 Reduction of relocatable facilities in use.--

22           (2) In accordance with the legislative goal described  
23 in subsection (1), any relocatables purchased with money  
24 appropriated from this act shall be counted at actual student  
25 capacity for purposes of ss. 235.15 and 235.217 for the life  
26 cycle of the relocatable.

27           235.435 Funds for comprehensive educational plant  
28 needs; construction cost maximums for school district capital  
29 projects.--Allocations from the Public Education Capital  
30 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for  
31 capital outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

1 (1)

2 (e) Remodeling projects shall be based on the  
3 recommendations of a survey pursuant to s. 235.15.

4 (g) When an existing educational plant is determined  
5 to be unsatisfactory pursuant to the survey conducted under s.  
6 235.15, the board may, by resolution, designate the plant as a  
7 historic educational facility and may use funds generated for  
8 renovation and remodeling pursuant to this section to restore  
9 the facility for use by the board. The board shall agree to  
10 pay renovation and remodeling costs in excess of funds which  
11 such facility would have generated through the depreciation  
12 formula in paragraph (a) had the facility been determined to  
13 be satisfactory. The board shall further agree that the plant  
14 shall continue to house students. The board may designate a  
15 plant as a historic educational facility only if the Division  
16 of Historical Resources of the Department of State or the  
17 appropriate historic preservation board under chapter 266  
18 certifies that:

19 1. The plant is listed or determined eligible for  
20 listing in the National Register of Historic Places pursuant  
21 to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended,  
22 16 U.S.C. s. 470;

23 2. The plant is designated historic within a certified  
24 local district pursuant to s. 48(g)(3)(B)(ii) of the Internal  
25 Revenue Code; or

26 3. The division or historic preservation board  
27 otherwise finds that the plant is historically significant.

28 (4)(a) The boards of trustees of the community  
29 colleges and the Board of Regents of the State University  
30 System shall receive funds for projects based on a 3-year  
31 priority list, to be updated annually, which is submitted to

1 the Legislature in the legislative budget request at least 45  
2 days prior to the legislative session. The State Board of  
3 Community Colleges shall submit a 3-year priority list for the  
4 entire State Community College System. The Board of Regents  
5 shall submit a 3-year priority list for the entire State  
6 University System. The lists shall reflect decisions by the  
7 boards concerning program priorities that implement the  
8 statewide plan for program growth and quality improvement in  
9 education. No remodeling or renovation project shall be  
10 included on the 3-year priority list unless the project has  
11 been recommended pursuant to s. 235.15 or is for the purpose  
12 of correcting health and safety deficiencies. No new  
13 construction project shall be included on the first year of  
14 the 3-year priority list unless the educational specifications  
15 have been approved by the Chancellor for university projects  
16 or by the Division of Community Colleges for community college  
17 projects. The funds requested for a new construction project  
18 in the first year of the 3-year priority list shall be in  
19 conformance with the scope of the project as defined in the  
20 educational specifications. Any new construction project  
21 requested in the first year of the 3-year priority list which  
22 is not funded by the Legislature shall be carried forward to  
23 be listed first in developing the updated 3-year priority list  
24 for the subsequent year's capital outlay budget. Should the  
25 order of the priority of the projects change from year to  
26 year, a justification for such change shall be included with  
27 the updated priority list.

28 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the  
29 amendment to section 235.2155, Florida Statutes, 1998  
30 Supplement, in a reference thereto, paragraph (g) of  
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1 subsection (3) of section 235.186, Florida Statutes, 1998  
2 Supplement, is reenacted to read:

3           235.186 Effort index grants for school district  
4 facilities work program projects.--

5           (3) ELIGIBLE REVENUE SOURCES FOR REQUIRED LOCAL  
6 EFFORT.--Expenditures from eligible revenues which may be  
7 counted toward a district's required local effort shall be  
8 limited to:

9           (g) School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) Program awards  
10 received pursuant to ss. 235.2155 and 235.216.

11           Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
12 235.217, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is reenacted to  
13 incorporate cross reference to section 235.186, Florida  
14 Statutes.

15           235.217 SMART (Soundly Made, Accountable, Reasonable,  
16 and Thrifty) Schools Clearinghouse.--

17           (1)(a) The SMART Schools Clearinghouse is established  
18 to assist school districts that seek to access School  
19 Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) Program awards pursuant to ss.  
20 235.2155 and 235.216 or effort index grants pursuant to s.  
21 235.186. The clearinghouse must use expedited procedures in  
22 providing such assistance.

23           Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
24 235.26, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to incorporate cross  
25 reference to section 235.061, Florida Statutes.

26           235.26 State Uniform Building Code for Public  
27 Educational Facilities Construction.--The Commissioner of  
28 Education shall adopt a uniform statewide building code for  
29 the planning and construction of public educational and  
30 ancillary plants by district school boards and community  
31 college district boards of trustees. The code must be entitled

1 the State Uniform Building Code for Public Educational  
2 Facilities Construction. Included in this code must be flood  
3 plain management criteria in compliance with the rules and  
4 regulations in 44 C.F.R. parts 59 and 60, and subsequent  
5 revisions thereto which are adopted by the Federal Emergency  
6 Management Agency. Wherever the words "Uniform Building Code"  
7 appear, they mean the "State Uniform Building Code for Public  
8 Educational Facilities Construction." It is not a purpose of  
9 the Uniform Building Code to inhibit the use of new materials  
10 or innovative techniques; nor may it specify or prohibit  
11 materials by brand names. The code must be flexible enough to  
12 cover all phases of construction so as to afford reasonable  
13 protection for the public safety, health, and general welfare.  
14 The department may secure the service of other state agencies  
15 or such other assistance as it finds desirable in revising the  
16 code.

17 (2) CONFORMITY TO UNIFORM BUILDING CODE STANDARDS  
18 REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL.--A district school board or community  
19 college district board of trustees may not approve any plans  
20 for the construction, renovation, remodeling, or demolition of  
21 any educational or ancillary plants unless these plans conform  
22 to the requirements of the Uniform Building Code. Each  
23 district school board and community college district board of  
24 trustees may adopt policies for delegating to the  
25 superintendent or community college president authority for  
26 submitting documents to the department and for awarding  
27 contracts subsequent to and consistent with board approval of  
28 the scope, timeframes, funding source, and budget of a  
29 survey-recommended project. It is also the responsibility of  
30 the department to develop, as a part of the Uniform Building  
31 Code, standards relating to:



1 (a) Prefabricated facilities, factory-built  
2 facilities, or site-built facilities that are designed to be  
3 portable, relocatable, demountable, or reconstructible; are  
4 used primarily as classrooms; and do not fall under the  
5 provisions of ss. 320.822-320.862. Such standards must permit  
6 boards to contract with the Department of Community Affairs  
7 for factory inspections by certified Uniform Building Code  
8 inspectors to certify conformance with law and with rules of  
9 the Commissioner of Education. The standards must comply with  
10 the requirements of s. 235.061 for relocatable facilities  
11 intended for long-term use as classroom space.

12 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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