

By Senator Garcia

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to relocatable classroom  
3           facilities; amending s. 235.061, F.S.;  
4           postponing the date after which relocatables  
5           that fail to meet standards established by the  
6           Commissioner of Education may not be used as  
7           classrooms; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 235.061, Florida  
12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           235.061 Standards for relocatables used as classroom  
14   space; inspections.--

15           (1) The Commissioner of Education shall adopt rules  
16   establishing standards for relocatables intended for long-term  
17   use as classroom space at a public elementary school, middle  
18   school, or high school. "Long-term use" means the use of  
19   relocatables at the same educational plant for a period of 4  
20   years or more. These rules must be implemented by July 1,  
21   1998, and each relocatable acquired by a district school board  
22   after the effective date of the rules and intended for  
23   long-term use must comply with the standards. The rules shall  
24   require that, by July 1, 2003 ~~2001~~, relocatables that fail to  
25   meet the standards may not be used as classrooms. The  
26   standards shall protect the health, safety, and welfare of  
27   occupants by requiring compliance with the Uniform Building  
28   Code for Public Educational Facilities or other locally  
29   adopted state minimum building codes to ensure the safety and  
30   stability of construction and onsite installation; fire and  
31   moisture protection; air quality and ventilation; appropriate

1 wind resistance; and compliance with the requirements of the  
2 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If appropriate, the  
3 standards must also require relocatables to provide access to  
4 the same technologies available to similar classrooms within  
5 the main school facility and, if appropriate, to be accessible  
6 by adequate covered walkways. By July 1, 2000, the  
7 commissioner shall adopt standards for all relocatables  
8 intended for long-term use as classrooms. A relocatable that  
9 is subject to this section and does not meet the standards  
10 shall not be reported as providing satisfactory student  
11 stations in the Florida Inventory of School Houses.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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15 SENATE SUMMARY

16 Postpones, from July 1, 2001, to July 1, 2003, the date  
17 after which relocatables that fail to meet standards  
18 established by the Commissioner of Education may not be  
19 used as classrooms.

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