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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational facilities; repealing s.  
 3           1013.43, F.S., relating to small school requirement;  
 4           amending ss. 1001.42 and 1003.02, F.S.; correcting cross  
 5           references and conforming language; providing an effective  
 6           date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Section 1013.43, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

11           Section 2. Subsection (20) of section 1001.42, Florida  
 12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.--The  
 14           district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
 15           powers and perform all duties listed below:

16           (20) SCHOOL-WITHIN-A-SCHOOL.--In order to reduce the  
 17           anonymity of students in large schools, adopt policies to  
 18           encourage any large school ~~that does not meet the definition of~~  
 19           ~~a small school, as established by s. 1013.43(2),~~ to subdivide  
 20           into schools-within-a-school that shall operate within existing  
 21           resources in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1003.

22           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1003.02, Florida  
 23           Statutes, is amended to read:

24           1003.02 District school board operation and control of  
 25           public K-12 education within the school district.--As provided  
 26           in part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are  
 27           constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and  
 28           control of public K-12 education within their school district.  
 29           The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate  
 30           their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees,



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31 and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff  
32 development, public K-12 school student education including  
33 education for exceptional students and students in juvenile  
34 justice programs, special programs, adult education programs,  
35 and career and technical education programs. Additionally,  
36 district school boards must:

37 (4) ~~For any school within the district that is not in~~  
38 ~~compliance with the small school size requirements of chapter~~  
39 ~~1013,~~ In order to reduce the anonymity of students in large  
40 schools, adopt policies that encourage subdivision of the school  
41 into schools-within-a-school, which shall operate within  
42 existing resources. A "school-within-a-school" means an  
43 operational program that uses flexible scheduling, team  
44 planning, and curricular and instructional innovation to  
45 organize groups of students with groups of teachers as smaller  
46 units, so as to functionally operate as a smaller school.  
47 Examples of this include, but are not limited to:

48 (a) An organizational arrangement assigning both students  
49 and teachers to smaller units in which the students take some or  
50 all of their coursework with their fellow grouped students and  
51 from the teachers assigned to the smaller unit. A unit may be  
52 grouped together for 1 year or on a vertical, multiyear basis.

53 (b) An organizational arrangement similar to that  
54 described in paragraph (a) with additional variations in  
55 instruction and curriculum. The smaller unit usually seeks to  
56 maintain a program different from that of the larger school, or  
57 of other smaller units. It may be vertically organized, but is  
58 dependent upon the school principal for its existence, budget,  
59 and staff.



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60 (c) A separate and autonomous smaller unit formally  
61 authorized by the district school board or district school  
62 superintendent. The smaller unit plans and runs its own program,  
63 has its own staff and students, and receives its own separate  
64 budget. The smaller unit must negotiate the use of common space  
65 with the larger school and defer to the building principal on  
66 matters of safety and building operation.

67 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.