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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to educational facilities; creating s.
 3 1013.352, F.S.; authorizing a school district to exempt
 4 itself from Department of Education educational facilities
 5 construction and funding standards and adopt alternative
 6 standards; requiring approval by referendum; requiring an
 7 educational facilities task force to propose alternative
 8 standards; providing for public notice; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 1013.352, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 1013.352 School district exemption from educational
 16 facilities construction and funding standards.--Notwithstanding
 17 any other provision of law, a school district may exempt itself
 18 from Department of Education educational facilities construction
 19 and funding standards and adopt alternative standards upon
 20 approval by a majority of the electors of the school district
 21 voting in a referendum. The proposed alternative construction
 22 and funding standards for the school district shall be based on
 23 a 20-year projection plan recommended by an educational
 24 facilities task force that is convened by the school district
 25 and consists of local elected municipal officials and the county
 26 commissioners. The proposed alternative construction and funding
 27 standards shall be published in one newspaper of general
 28 circulation in the school district at least 30 days prior to the
 29 referendum. Exemption from educational facilities construction

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30 and funding standards shall not include exemption from any
31 educational facilities environmental or safety standards.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.