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CHAMBER ACTION

The PreK-12 Committee recommends the following:

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Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the exercise of eminent domain by municipalities; providing legislative intent; authorizing certain municipalities to exercise the power of eminent domain for public school purposes; providing for future expiration; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. The Legislature recognizes that certain counties that have large student populations may have difficulties in obtaining suitable land for the establishment of public schools to serve those student populations. The intent of the Legislature is to authorize municipalities within these counties to exercise the power of eminent domain to aid those counties' school districts in obtaining suitable land to meet the needs of the districts' student population.

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Section 2. A municipality located within a county that has a public school student population in grades K-12 of 350,000 or

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more before December 31, 2006, may exercise the power of eminent domain for the purpose of obtaining lands to be conveyed by the municipality to the school board of the school district within which the municipality is located if the school board of that county requests in writing that the municipality obtain such land for conveyance to the school board and promises to use the land to establish a public school thereon. Fulfilling the purpose of this section is recognized as constituting a valid municipal public purpose. This section expires January 1, 2007. Such expiration does not affect an action in eminent domain which was filed before January 1, 2007.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.