

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Government Efficiency
Appropriations

593-1168A-06

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to educational facilities
3 planning and use; amending s. 1013.03, F.S.;
4 requiring that the utilization standards for
5 educational space be updated periodically;
6 increasing the minimum room utilization rate
7 for postsecondary classrooms; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1013.03, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1013.03 Functions of the department.--The functions of
15 the Department of Education as it pertains to educational
16 facilities shall include, but not be limited to, the
17 following:

18 (2) Establish, for the purpose of determining need,
19 equitably uniform utilization standards for all types of like
20 space, regardless of the level of education. The standards
21 shall be reviewed and updated at a minimum of every 5 years in
22 order to ensure that the standards accurately reflect the need
23 for each type of space. These standards shall also establish,
24 for postsecondary education classrooms, a minimum room
25 utilization rate of 50 ~~40~~ hours per week and a minimum station
26 utilization rate of 70 ~~60~~ percent. ~~These rates shall be~~
27 ~~subject to increase based on national norms for utilization of~~
28 ~~postsecondary education classrooms.~~

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the use standards for educational space be updated at least every 5 years. Increases the minimum room utilization rate for postsecondary classrooms.