

By Senator Sobel

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to educational plant surveys; amending  
3 s. 1013.31, F.S.; authorizing an extension to a school  
4 district educational plant survey submission deadline;  
5 providing requirements for the submission of a request  
6 for an extension to the Department of Education and  
7 requiring department approval; providing restrictions  
8 on school district construction during the extension  
9 period; requiring the State Board of Education to  
10 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of  
15 section 1013.31, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 1013.31 Educational plant survey; localized need  
17 assessment; PECO project funding.—

18 (1) At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for an  
19 educational plant survey, to aid in formulating plans for  
20 housing the educational program and student population, faculty,  
21 administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of  
22 the district or campus, including consideration of the local  
23 comprehensive plan. The Department of Education shall document  
24 the need for additional career and adult education programs and  
25 the continuation of existing programs before facility  
26 construction or renovation related to career or adult education  
27 may be included in the educational plant survey of a school  
28 district or community college that delivers career or adult  
29 education programs. Information used by the Department of

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30 Education to establish facility needs must include, but need not  
31 be limited to, labor market data, needs analysis, and  
32 information submitted by the school district or community  
33 college.

34 (e) Request for extension.-

35 1. Upon request by a district school superintendent to the  
36 Department of Education and upon approval by the department, an  
37 extension to a survey submission deadline may be granted for up  
38 to 180 days, not to exceed a total of four consecutive  
39 extensions per survey. A request for an extension to a survey  
40 submission deadline shall be submitted to the department no  
41 later than 90 days prior to the current submission deadline. A  
42 request shall contain the following:

43 a. A letter from the district school superintendent to the  
44 department, submitted on behalf of the district school board and  
45 on district school board letterhead, formally requesting an  
46 extension which cites the specific need for the extension.

47 b. A formal application, developed by the department, that  
48 includes sections for the following information: the purpose for  
49 requesting the extension; data that clearly and objectively  
50 supports the need for the extension; the signatures of all  
51 current district school board members; and the signature of the  
52 director of the department responsible for oversight of the  
53 educational facility planning, design, and construction for the  
54 school district, if one exists.

55 2. School districts shall not contract for new construction  
56 projects, except for local bonded projects and those financed  
57 with the voter-approved one-half-cent sales surtax for public  
58 school capital outlay authorized by s. 212.055(6), during the

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59 extension period.

60 3. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules pursuant  
61 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this paragraph.

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.