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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 restrictions; providing requirements for the
6 submission of a request for an extension to the
7 Department of Education and requiring department
8 approval; providing restrictions on school district
9 construction during the extension period; requiring
10 the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (e) Request for extension.-

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

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

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

56 2. School districts may not contract for new construction
57 projects, except for local bonded projects and those financed
58 with the voter-approved one-half-cent sales surtax for public

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59 school capital outlay authorized by s. 212.055(6), during an
60 extension period.

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

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.