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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to educational plant surveys; amending s.
3 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 Department
7 of Education and requiring department approval; providing
8 restrictions on school district construction during the
9 extension period; requiring the State Board of Education
10 to 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
19 an 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

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29 education programs. Information used by the Department of
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 four consecutive extensions per
39 survey. A request for an extension to a survey submission
40 deadline must be submitted to the department no later than 90
41 days prior to the current submission deadline. A request shall
42 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 may not contract for new construction
56 projects, except for local bonded projects and those financed

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57 | with the voter-approved one-half-cent cent sales surtax for
58 | public school capital outlay authorized by s. 212.055(6), during
59 | an 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, 2011.