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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  
 20          an 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 Florida College System institution that delivers  
30 | career or adult education programs. Information used by the  
31 | Department of Education to establish facility needs must  
32 | include, but need not be limited to, labor market data, needs  
33 | analysis, and information submitted by the school district or  
34 | Florida College System institution.

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.

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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 cent sales surtax for  
59 public school capital outlay authorized by s. 212.055(6), during  
60 an 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, 2012.