

By Senator Flores

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to educational facilities; creating s.  
3       1013.385, F.S.; providing for school district  
4       construction flexibility; authorizing exceptions to  
5       educational facilities construction requirements under  
6       certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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10       Section 1. Section 1013.385, Florida Statutes, is created  
11       to read:

12       1013.385 School district construction flexibility.—

13       (1) A district school board may, with a supermajority vote  
14       at a public meeting that begins no earlier than 5 p.m., adopt a  
15       resolution to implement one or more of the exceptions to the  
16       educational facilities construction requirements provided in  
17       this section. Before voting on the resolution, a district school  
18       board must conduct a cost-benefit analysis prepared according to  
19       a professionally accepted methodology that describes how each  
20       exception selected by the district school board achieves cost  
21       savings, improves the efficient use of school district  
22       resources, and impacts the life-cycle costs and life span for  
23       each educational facility to be constructed, as applicable, and  
24       demonstrates that implementation of the exception will not  
25       compromise student safety or the quality of student instruction.  
26       The district school board must conduct at least one public  
27       workshop to discuss and receive public comment on the proposed  
28       resolution and cost-benefit analysis, which must begin no  
29       earlier than 5 p.m. and may occur at the same meeting at which

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30 the resolution will be voted upon.

31 (2) A resolution adopted under this section may propose  
32 implementation of exceptions to requirements relating to:

33 (a) Interior nonload-bearing walls, as specified in s.  
34 423.8.3.1.1 of the Florida Building Code, by approving the use  
35 of fire-rated wood stud walls in new construction or remodeling  
36 for interior nonload-bearing wall assemblies that will not be  
37 exposed to water or located in wet areas.

38 (b) Walkways, roadways, driveways, and parking areas, as  
39 specified in s. 423.10.2 of the Florida Building Code, by  
40 approving the use of designated, stabilized, and well-drained  
41 gravel or grassed student parking areas.

42 (c) Standards for relocatables used as classroom space, as  
43 specified in s. 1013.20, by approving construction  
44 specifications for installation of relocatable buildings that do  
45 not have covered walkways leading to the permanent buildings  
46 onsite.

47 (d) Site lighting, as specified in s. 423.10.3 of the  
48 Florida Building Code, by approving construction specifications  
49 regarding site lighting which:

50 1. Do not provide for lighting of gravel or grassed  
51 auxiliary or student parking areas.

52 2. Provide lighting for walkways, roadways, driveways,  
53 paved parking lots, exterior stairs, ramps, and walkways from  
54 the exterior of the building to a public walkway through  
55 installation of a timer that is set to provide lighting only  
56 during periods when the site is occupied.

57 3. Allow lighting for building entrances and exits to be  
58 installed with a timer that is set to provide lighting only

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59 during periods in which the building is occupied. The minimum  
60 illumination level at single-door exits may be reduced to no  
61 less than 1 footcandle.

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.