

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to charter schools; amending s.  
3       1002.33, F.S.; providing requirements for specified  
4       deadlines for charter schools; authorizing charter  
5       school governing boards to adopt codes of student  
6       conduct; providing requirements for such codes;  
7       providing requirements for the resolution of  
8       complaints or appeals relating to such codes; revising  
9       the criteria for a charter school to give enrollment  
10      preferences or limit the enrollment process to certain  
11      students; requiring charter schools to be in  
12      compliance with specified provisions relating to  
13      student welfare; revising the factors considered for  
14      the determination of a charter school's capacity;  
15      revising the facilities and land exempt from specified  
16      ad valorem taxes; authorizing a charter school to  
17      increase its student enrollment under certain  
18      circumstances; providing requirements for such charter  
19      school's facilities; providing requirements for  
20      notification of increased enrollment; requiring  
21      sponsors and the Department of Education to provide  
22      specified access and data to a charter school and the  
23      school's contractor; prohibiting certain persons from  
24      serving as members of a charter school governing  
25      board; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; providing that

26        certain students are excluded from specified  
27        calculations relating to a high-performing charter  
28        school's facility capacity; authorizing high-  
29        performing charter schools to assume the charters of  
30        certain charter schools; providing requirements for a  
31        request for a high-performing charter school to assume  
32        a charter; authorizing high-performing charter schools  
33        to provide virtual courses to certain students;  
34        providing funding requirements for such courses;  
35        amending s. 1013.15, F.S.; providing for the lease of  
36        specified lands, facilities, or educational plants;  
37        requiring district school boards to take specified  
38        actions before the sale, transfer, lease, or disposal  
39        of any land, facilities, or educational plants;  
40        providing that a charter school may exercise right of  
41        first refusal for such property; requiring a charter  
42        school to submit a proposal within a specific  
43        timeframe; requiring district school boards to  
44        evaluate such proposal and award a contract using  
45        specified criteria; authorizing a school board to act  
46        if no proposals from a charter school are accepted;  
47        amending s. 1013.28, F.S.; requiring district school  
48        boards to comply with specified requirements for the  
49        sale, transfer, lease, or disposal of any land,  
50        facilities, or educational plants before the disposal

51           of any land or real property; providing an effective  
52           date.

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

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56           **Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (5),**  
57 **paragraphs (d) and (h) of subsection (10), paragraphs (b) and**  
58 **(c) of subsection (16), paragraph (c) of subsection (18), and**  
59 **paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (20) of section 1002.33,**  
60 **Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (s) is added to**  
61 **subsection (9), paragraph (h) is added to subsection (18), and**  
62 **paragraph (d) is added to subsection (26) of that section, to**  
63 **read:**

64           1002.33 Charter schools.—

65           (5) SPONSOR; DUTIES.—

66           (b) Sponsor duties.—

67           1.a. The sponsor shall monitor and review the charter  
68 school in its progress toward the goals established in the  
69 charter.

70           b. The sponsor shall monitor the revenues and expenditures  
71 of the charter school and perform the duties provided in s.  
72 1002.345.

73           c. The sponsor may approve a charter for a charter school  
74 before the applicant has identified space, equipment, or  
75 personnel, if the applicant indicates approval is necessary for

76    it to raise working funds.

77            d.    The sponsor may not apply its policies to a charter  
78    school unless mutually agreed to by both the sponsor and the  
79    charter school. If the sponsor subsequently amends any agreed-  
80    upon sponsor policy, the version of the policy in effect at the  
81    time of the execution of the charter, or any subsequent  
82    modification thereof, shall remain in effect and the sponsor may  
83    not hold the charter school responsible for any provision of a  
84    newly revised policy until the revised policy is mutually agreed  
85    upon.

86            e.    The sponsor shall ensure that the charter is innovative  
87    and consistent with the state education goals established by s.  
88    1000.03(5).

89            f.    The sponsor shall ensure that the charter school  
90    participates in the state's education accountability system. If  
91    a charter school falls short of performance measures included in  
92    the approved charter, the sponsor shall report such shortcomings  
93    to the Department of Education.

94            g.    The sponsor is not liable for civil damages under state  
95    law for personal injury, property damage, or death resulting  
96    from an act or omission of an officer, employee, agent, or  
97    governing body of the charter school.

98            h.    The sponsor is not liable for civil damages under state  
99    law for any employment actions taken by an officer, employee,  
100   agent, or governing body of the charter school.

101           i. The sponsor's duties to monitor the charter school do  
102 not constitute the basis for a private cause of action.

103           j. The sponsor may not impose additional reporting  
104 requirements on a charter school as long as the charter school  
105 has not been identified as having a deteriorating financial  
106 condition or financial emergency pursuant to s. 1002.345.

107           k. The sponsor may not impose upon a charter school  
108 administrative deadlines that are earlier than the sponsor's own  
109 corresponding deadlines for similar reports or submissions. Any  
110 deadline imposed upon a charter school for financial audits or  
111 other administrative requirements may not be earlier than 15  
112 days before the sponsor's own deadline for similar submissions  
113 to the department.

114           ~~l.k.~~ The sponsor shall submit an annual report to the  
115 Department of Education in a web-based format to be determined  
116 by the department.

117           (I) The report shall include the following information:

118           (A) The number of applications received during the school  
119 year and up to August 1 and each applicant's contact  
120 information.

121           (B) The date each application was approved, denied, or  
122 withdrawn.

123           (C) The date each final contract was executed.

124           (II) Annually, by November 1, the sponsor shall submit to  
125 the department the information for the applications submitted

126 the previous year.

127 (III) The department shall compile an annual report, by  
128 sponsor, and post the report on its website by January 15 of  
129 each year.

130 2. Immunity for the sponsor of a charter school under  
131 subparagraph 1. applies only with respect to acts or omissions  
132 not under the sponsor's direct authority as described in this  
133 section.

134 3. This paragraph does not waive a sponsor's sovereign  
135 immunity.

136 4. A Florida College System institution may work with the  
137 school district or school districts in its designated service  
138 area to develop charter schools that offer secondary education.  
139 These charter schools must include an option for students to  
140 receive an associate degree upon high school graduation. If a  
141 Florida College System institution operates an approved teacher  
142 preparation program under s. 1004.04 or s. 1004.85, the  
143 institution may operate charter schools that serve students in  
144 kindergarten through grade 12 in any school district within the  
145 service area of the institution. District school boards shall  
146 cooperate with and assist the Florida College System institution  
147 on the charter application. Florida College System institution  
148 applications for charter schools are not subject to the time  
149 deadlines outlined in subsection (6) and may be approved by the  
150 district school board at any time during the year. Florida

151 College System institutions may not report FTE for any students  
152 participating under this subparagraph who receive FTE funding  
153 through the Florida Education Finance Program.

154       5. For purposes of assisting the development of a charter  
155 school, a school district may enter into nonexclusive interlocal  
156 agreements with federal and state agencies, counties,  
157 municipalities, and other governmental entities that operate  
158 within the geographical borders of the school district to act on  
159 behalf of such governmental entities in the inspection,  
160 issuance, and other necessary activities for all necessary  
161 permits, licenses, and other permissions that a charter school  
162 needs in order for development, construction, or operation. A  
163 charter school may use, but may not be required to use, a school  
164 district for these services. The interlocal agreement must  
165 include, but need not be limited to, the identification of fees  
166 that charter schools will be charged for such services. The fees  
167 must consist of the governmental entity's fees plus a fee for  
168 the school district to recover no more than actual costs for  
169 providing such services. These services and fees are not  
170 included within the services to be provided pursuant to  
171 subsection (20). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an  
172 interlocal agreement or ordinance that imposes a greater  
173 regulatory burden on charter schools than school districts or  
174 that prohibits or limits the creation of a charter school is  
175 void and unenforceable. An interlocal agreement entered into by

176 a school district for the development of only its own schools,  
177 including provisions relating to the extension of  
178 infrastructure, may be used by charter schools.

179         6. The board of trustees of a sponsoring state university  
180 or Florida College System institution under paragraph (a) is the  
181 local educational agency for all charter schools it sponsors for  
182 purposes of receiving federal funds and accepts full  
183 responsibility for all local educational agency requirements and  
184 the schools for which it will perform local educational agency  
185 responsibilities. A student enrolled in a charter school that is  
186 sponsored by a state university or Florida College System  
187 institution may not be included in the calculation of the school  
188 district's grade under s. 1008.34(5) for the school district in  
189 which he or she resides.

190         (c) Sponsor accountability.—

191         1. The department shall, in collaboration with charter  
192 school sponsors and charter school operators, develop a sponsor  
193 evaluation framework that must address, at a minimum:

194             a. The sponsor's strategic vision for charter school  
195 authorization and the sponsor's progress toward that vision.

196             b. The alignment of the sponsor's policies and practices  
197 to best practices for charter school authorization.

198             c. The academic and financial performance of all operating  
199 charter schools overseen by the sponsor.

200             d. The status of charter schools authorized by the



201 sponsor, including approved, operating, and closed schools.

202 2. The department shall compile the results by sponsor and  
203 include the results in the report required under sub-sub-  
204 subparagraph (b)1.1.(III) ~~(b)1.k.(III)~~.

205 (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

206 (s) A charter school governing board may adopt its own  
207 code of student conduct. The code of student conduct must meet  
208 or exceed the minimum standards set forth in the sponsor's code  
209 of student conduct. Any provision of the code of student conduct  
210 which is more stringent than the sponsor's code of student  
211 conduct must align with the mission of the charter school. The  
212 sponsor may review the code and offer recommendations. Any  
213 complaint or appeal related to the code of student conduct shall  
214 be resolved by the charter school's governing board using the  
215 board's established procedures and must be in compliance with  
216 applicable law and rules.

217 (10) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—

218 (d) A charter school may give enrollment preference to the  
219 following student populations:

220 1. Students who are siblings of a student enrolled in the  
221 charter school.

222 2. Students who are the children of a member of the  
223 governing board of the charter school.

224 3. Students who are the children of an employee of the  
225 charter school.

226 4. Students who are the children of:

227 a. An employee of the business partner of a charter  
228 school-in-the-workplace established under paragraph (15)(b) or a  
229 resident of the municipality in which such charter school is  
230 located; or

231 b. A resident or employee of a municipality that operates  
232 a charter school-in-a-municipality pursuant to paragraph (15)(c)  
233 or allows a charter school to use a school facility or portion  
234 of land provided by the municipality for the operation of the  
235 charter school.

236 5. Students who have successfully completed, during the  
237 previous year, a ~~voluntary~~ prekindergarten education program  
238 ~~under ss. 1002.51-1002.79~~ provided by the charter school, the  
239 charter school's governing board, or a ~~voluntary~~ prekindergarten  
240 provider that has a written agreement with the governing board.

241 6. Students who are the children of an active duty member  
242 of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

243 7. Students who attended or are assigned to failing  
244 schools pursuant to s. 1002.38(2).

245 8. Students who are the children of a safe-school officer,  
246 as defined in s. 1006.12, at the school.

247 9. Students who transfer from a classical school in this  
248 state to a charter classical school in this state. For purposes  
249 of this subparagraph, the term "classical school" means a  
250 traditional public school or charter school that implements a

classical education model that emphasizes the development of students in the principles of moral character and civic virtue through a well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences which is based on the classical trivium stages of grammar, logic, and rhetoric.

(h) The capacity of the charter school shall be determined annually by the governing board, in conjunction with the sponsor, of the charter school in consideration of the factors identified in this subsection and subsection (18) unless the charter school is designated as a high-performing charter school pursuant to s. 1002.331. A sponsor may not require a charter school to waive the provisions of s. 1002.331 or require a student enrollment cap that prohibits a high-performing charter school from increasing enrollment in accordance with s. 1002.331(2) as a condition of approval or renewal of a charter.

(16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

(b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance with the following statutes:

1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size, except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s. 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and

276 salary schedules.

277 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

278 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with  
279 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

280 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive  
281 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional  
282 personnel and school administrators.

283 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.

284 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat management  
285 teams.

286 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental  
287 Safety Incident Reporting.

288 11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of  
289 involuntary examinations.

290 12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe  
291 Schools Assessment Tool.

292 13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active  
293 assailant response plan.

294 14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile  
295 suspicious activity reporting tool.

296 15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health  
297 awareness and assistance training.

298 16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and  
299 high school start times. A charter school-in-the-workplace is  
300 exempt from this requirement.

301        17. Section 1001.42(8)(c), relating to student welfare.

302        (c) For purposes of subparagraphs (b)4.-7. and 17.:

303        1. The duties assigned to a district school superintendent  
304        apply to charter school administrative personnel, as defined in  
305        s. 1012.01(3)(a) and (b), and the charter school governing board  
306        shall designate at least one administrative person to be  
307        responsible for such duties.

308        2. The duties assigned to a district school board apply to  
309        a charter school governing board.

310        3. A charter school may hire instructional personnel and  
311        other employees on an at-will basis.

312        4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,  
313        instructional personnel and other employees on contract may be  
314        suspended or dismissed any time during the term of the contract  
315        without cause.

316        (18) FACILITIES.—

317        (c) Any facility, or portion thereof, used to house a  
318        charter school whose charter has been approved by the sponsor  
319        and the governing board, pursuant to subsection (7), is exempt  
320        from ad valorem taxes pursuant to s. 196.1983. Any facility or  
321        land owned by a library, community service, museum, performing  
322        arts, theater, cinema, or church facility; any facility or land  
323        owned by a Florida College System institution or university; any  
324        similar public institutional facilities or land; and any  
325        facility recently used to house a school or child care facility

326 licensed under s. 402.305 may provide space to charter schools  
327 within their facilities or land under their preexisting zoning  
328 and land use designations without obtaining a special exception,  
329 rezoning, or a land use change.

330 (h) A charter school that is not implementing a school  
331 improvement plan pursuant to paragraph (9)(n) or a corrective  
332 action plan pursuant to s. 1002.345 may increase its student  
333 enrollment to more than the capacity identified in the charter,  
334 but student enrollment may not exceed the capacity of the  
335 facility at the time the enrollment increase will take effect.  
336 Facility capacity for purposes of expansion shall include any  
337 improvements to an existing facility or any new facility in  
338 which the student of the charter school will enroll. A charter  
339 school must notify its sponsor in writing by March 1 if the  
340 charter school intends to increase enrollment for the following  
341 school year. The written notice must specify the amount of the  
342 enrollment increase.

343 (20) SERVICES.—

344 (a)1. A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and  
345 educational services to charter schools. These services shall  
346 include contract management services; full-time equivalent and  
347 data reporting services; exceptional student education  
348 administration services; services related to eligibility and  
349 reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services  
350 under the National School Lunch Program, consistent with the

needs of the charter school, are provided by the sponsor at the request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter school under the National School Lunch Program be paid to the charter school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under the National School Lunch Program, and that the charter school is paid at the same time and in the same manner under the National School Lunch Program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the school district; test administration services, including payment of the costs of state-required or district-required student assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services; and information services, including equal access to the sponsor's student information systems that are used by public schools in the district in which the charter school is located or by schools in the sponsor's portfolio of charter schools if the sponsor is not a school district. Access to the sponsor's student information system shall be provided to the charter school and its contractor, unless prohibited by general or federal law. Student performance data for each student in a charter school, including, but not limited to, statewide ~~FCAT scores~~, standardized test scores, coordinated screening and progress monitoring student results, previous public school student report cards, and student performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a charter school in the same manner provided to other public schools in the district or by schools in the sponsor's portfolio of charter

376 schools if the sponsor is not a school district. The department  
377 must provide student performance data to a charter school and  
378 its contractor, unless prohibited by general or federal law.

379 2. A sponsor shall provide training to charter schools on  
380 systems the sponsor will require the charter school to use.

381 3. A sponsor may withhold an administrative fee for the  
382 provision of such services which shall be a percentage of the  
383 available funds defined in paragraph (17)(b) calculated based on  
384 weighted full-time equivalent students. If the charter school  
385 serves 75 percent or more exceptional education students as  
386 defined in s. 1003.01(9), the percentage shall be calculated  
387 based on unweighted full-time equivalent students. The  
388 administrative fee shall be calculated as follows:

389 a. Up to 5 percent for:

390 (I) Enrollment of up to and including 250 students in a  
391 charter school as defined in this section.

392 (II) Enrollment of up to and including 500 students within  
393 a charter school system which meets all of the following:

394 (A) Includes conversion charter schools and nonconversion  
395 charter schools.

396 (B) Has all of its schools located in the same county.

397 (C) Has a total enrollment exceeding the total enrollment  
398 of at least one school district in this state.

399 (D) Has the same governing board for all of its schools.

400 (E) Does not contract with a for-profit service provider



401 for management of school operations.

402 (III) Enrollment of up to and including 250 students in a  
403 virtual charter school.

404 b. Up to 2 percent for enrollment of up to and including  
405 250 students in a high-performing charter school as defined in  
406 s. 1002.331.

407 c. Up to 2 percent for enrollment of up to and including  
408 250 students in an exceptional student education center that  
409 meets the requirements of the rules adopted by the State Board  
410 of Education pursuant to s. 1008.3415(3).

411 4. A sponsor may not charge charter schools any additional  
412 fees or surcharges for administrative and educational services  
413 in addition to the maximum percentage of administrative fees  
414 withheld pursuant to this paragraph. A sponsor may not charge or  
415 withhold any administrative fee against a charter school for any  
416 funds specifically allocated by the Legislature for teacher  
417 compensation.

418 5. A sponsor shall provide to the department by September  
419 15 of each year the total amount of funding withheld from  
420 charter schools pursuant to this subsection for the prior fiscal  
421 year. The department must include the information in the report  
422 required under sub-sub-subparagraph (5) (b) 1.1. (III)  
423 ~~(5) (b) 1.k. (III)~~.

424 6. A sponsor shall annually provide a report to its  
425 charter schools on what services are being rendered from the

426 sponsor's portion of the administrative fee. The report must  
427 include the listed services and be submitted to the department  
428 by September 15 of each year.

429 (d) Each charter school shall annually complete and submit  
430 a survey, provided in a format specified by the Department of  
431 Education, to rate the timeliness and quality of services  
432 provided by the sponsor in accordance with this section. The  
433 department shall compile the results, by sponsor, and include  
434 the results in the report required under sub-sub-subparagraph  
435 (5)(b)1.1.(III) ~~(5)(b)1.k.(III)~~.

436 (26) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.—

437 (d) A landlord of a charter school or his or her spouse or  
438 an officer, director, or employee of an entity that is a  
439 landlord of a charter school or his or her spouse may not be a  
440 member of a governing board of a charter school unless the  
441 charter school was established pursuant to paragraph (15)(c).

442 **Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.331, Florida**  
443 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

444 1002.331 High-performing charter schools.—

445 (2) A high-performing charter school is authorized to:

446 (a) Increase its student enrollment once per school year  
447 to more than the capacity identified in the charter, but student  
448 enrollment may not exceed the capacity of the facility at the  
449 time the enrollment increase will take effect. Students enrolled  
450 in virtual courses may not be counted as enrolled students for

451 purposes of determining the facility's capacity. Facility  
452 capacity for purposes of expansion must ~~shall~~ include any  
453 improvements to an existing facility or any new facility in  
454 which the students of the high-performing charter school will  
455 enroll.

456 (b) Expand grade levels within kindergarten through grade  
457 12 to add grade levels not already served if any annual  
458 enrollment increase resulting from grade level expansion is  
459 within the limit established in paragraph (a).

460 (c) Submit a quarterly, rather than a monthly, financial  
461 statement to the sponsor pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(g).

462 (d) Consolidate under a single charter the charters of  
463 multiple high-performing charter schools operated in the same  
464 school district by the charter schools' governing board  
465 regardless of the renewal cycle.

466 (e) Receive a modification of its charter to a term of 15  
467 years or a 15-year charter renewal. The charter may be modified  
468 or renewed for a shorter term at the option of the high-  
469 performing charter school. The charter must be consistent with  
470 s. 1002.33(7)(a)19. and (10)(h) and (i), is subject to annual  
471 review by the sponsor, and may be terminated during its term  
472 pursuant to s. 1002.33(8).

473 (f) Assume the charter of an existing charter school  
474 within the same school district in which it operates. Any  
475 request to assume a charter must be initiated by a school in a

476 written format to the high-performing charter school.

477 (g) Provide virtual courses, approved pursuant to s.  
478 1003.499, to students in grades 9 through 12. Funding for  
479 virtual courses shall be as provided in s. 1002.45(6).

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481 A high-performing charter school shall notify its sponsor in  
482 writing by March 1 if it intends to increase enrollment or  
483 expand grade levels the following school year. The written  
484 notice shall specify the amount of the enrollment increase and  
485 the grade levels that will be added, as applicable. If a charter  
486 school notifies the sponsor of its intent to expand, the sponsor  
487 shall modify the charter within 90 days to include the new  
488 enrollment maximum and may not make any other changes. The  
489 sponsor may deny a request to increase the enrollment of a high-  
490 performing charter school if the commissioner has declassified  
491 the charter school as high-performing. If a high-performing  
492 charter school requests to consolidate multiple charters or to  
493 assume an existing charter, the sponsor has ~~shall have~~ 40 days  
494 after receipt of that request to provide an initial draft  
495 charter to the charter school. The sponsor and charter school  
496 shall have 50 days thereafter to negotiate and notice the  
497 charter contract for final approval by the sponsor.

498 **Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 1013.15, Florida**  
499 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

500 1013.15 Lease, rental, and lease-purchase of educational

501 plants, ancillary plants, and auxiliary facilities and sites.—

502       (1) (a) A board may lease any land, facilities, or  
503 educational plants owned by it to any person or entity for such  
504 term, for such rent, and upon such terms and conditions as the  
505 board determines to be in its best interests; any such lease may  
506 provide for the optional or binding purchase of the land,  
507 facilities, or educational plants by the lessee upon such terms  
508 and conditions as the board determines are in its best  
509 interests. A determination that any such land, facility, or  
510 educational plant so leased is unnecessary for educational  
511 purposes is not a prerequisite to the leasing or lease-purchase  
512 of such land, facility, or educational plant. Before entering  
513 into or executing any such lease, a board shall consider  
514 approval of the lease or lease-purchase agreement at a public  
515 meeting, at which a copy of the proposed agreement in its final  
516 form shall be available for inspection and review by the public,  
517 after due notice as required by law.

518       (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and before the sale,  
519 transfer, lease, or disposal of any land, facilities, or  
520 educational plants, a district school board shall provide public  
521 notice of the proposed transaction and provide charter schools  
522 with the first right of refusal. Each charter school seeking to  
523 exercise the right of first refusal must submit a proposal  
524 within 60 days after the public notice. The district school  
525 board shall evaluate proposals and award a contract considering

526 such factors as price, quality, and concept of the proposal. If  
527 no proposals are accepted pursuant to this subsection, the  
528 district school board may proceed with the transaction. This  
529 paragraph does not apply to school district facilities used for  
530 administration before July 1, 2025.

531 **Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**  
532 **1013.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

533 1013.28 Disposal of property.—

534 (1) REAL PROPERTY.—

535 (a) Subject to rules of the State Board of Education, a  
536 district school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida  
537 School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a Florida College System  
538 institution board of trustees may dispose of any land or real  
539 property to which the board holds title which is, by resolution  
540 of the board, determined to be unnecessary for educational  
541 purposes as recommended in an educational plant survey. A  
542 district school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida  
543 School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a Florida College System  
544 institution board of trustees shall take diligent measures to  
545 dispose of educational property only in the best interests of  
546 the public. However, appraisals may be obtained by the district  
547 school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for  
548 the Deaf and the Blind, or the Florida College System  
549 institution board of trustees prior to or simultaneously with  
550 the receipt of bids. A district school board shall comply with

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551   the requirements of s. 1013.15(1)(b) before the disposal of any  
552   land or real property.

553       **Section 5.**   This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.