

By Senator Yarborough

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to educational facilities; requiring the Office of Educational Facilities and the Office of Safe Schools to collaborate with specified entities to review the State Requirements for Educational Facilities; providing requirements for the review; requiring that recommendations be provided to specified entities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Office of Educational Facilities and the Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education shall collaborate with at least one state university that has research experience in the design and construction of educational facilities; district facilities directors; representatives of the Florida Building Commission; and sheriffs or police chiefs to review the State Requirements for Educational Facilities required under s. 1013.37, Florida Statutes, and make recommendations, as appropriate, to improve teacher and student safety and accountability through a school's physical plant. The review must include all of the following:

(a) Recommended changes in new construction and renovations which may reduce the occurrence of misconduct between teachers and students and between students. Such misconduct may include, but is not limited to, physical and sexual abuse, inappropriate relationships with students, bullying, and harassment.

(b) An examination of the principles of crime prevention through environmental design as defined in s. 163.503(6),

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30 Florida Statutes, and their application to recommendations under
31 this section. The review team must include a representative who
32 has achieved a Florida Crime Prevention Through Environmental
33 Design Practitioner designation by the Office of the Attorney
34 General.

35 (c) Configurations of a physical plant, such as using
36 lighting, windows, doors, mirrors, and cameras, to ensure that
37 student interactions with adults are observable and that there
38 are opportunities for the interactions to be interrupted, to
39 reduce times that a student may be isolated, and to maintain
40 access control over spaces.

41 (2) Recommendations must be submitted to the department,
42 which shall transmit the recommendations and any comments as a
43 part of its next biennial review to the Florida Building
44 Commission consistent with s. 1013.37(4), Florida Statutes, with
45 copies to the Governor, the State Fire Marshal, the President of
46 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.