By the Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations

593-1168A-06

 1   A bill to be entitled

 2   An act relating to educational facilities

 3   planning and use; amending s. 1013.03, F.S.;

 4   requiring that the utilization standards for

 5   educational space be updated periodically;

 6   increasing the minimum room utilization rate

 7   for postsecondary classrooms; providing an

 8   effective date.

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

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12   Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1013.03, Florida

13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14   1013.03 Functions of the department.--The functions of

15   the Department of Education as it pertains to educational

16   facilities shall include, but not be limited to, the

17   following:

18   (2) Establish, for the purpose of determining need,

19   equitably uniform utilization standards for all types of like

20   space, regardless of the level of education. <u>The standards</u>

21   <u>shall be reviewed and updated at a minimum of every 5 years in</u>

22   <u>order to ensure that the standards accurately reflect the need</u>

23   <u>for each type of space.</u> These standards shall also establish,

24   for postsecondary education classrooms, a minimum room

25   utilization rate of <u>50</u> ~~40~~ hours per week and a minimum station

26   utilization rate of <u>70</u> ~~60~~ percent. ~~These rates shall be~~

27   ~~subject to increase based on national norms for utilization of~~

28   ~~postsecondary education classrooms.~~

29   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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2   SENATE SUMMARY

3   Requires that the use standards for educational space be
     updated at least every 5 years. Increases the minimum
4   room utilization rate for postsecondary classrooms.

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