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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Diaz de la Portilla)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1013.441, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

1013.441 Green Schools Pilot Project.--

(1) The Legislature recognizes that it is both
cost-effective and healthy for citizens and the environment to
build schools that maximize low water usage and the use of
energy efficiencies, renewable energy, and recycling
technologies. As such, there is established the Green Schools
Pilot Project to create a program for selected school
districts to comply with Leadership in Energy and
Environmental Design (LEED) silver-level or better building
certification standards in every new educational building
construction project and, where feasible, educational building
renovation projects.

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1 (2) LEED building certification standards are defined
 2 by the U.S. Green Building Council and address the total
 3 impact that new buildings have on the environment so as to
 4 maximize their energy efficiency and to minimize their adverse
 5 environmental impacts.

6 (3)(a) The Department of Education in consultation
 7 with the Florida Energy Office shall develop by August 1,
 8 2007, an application process for school districts to
 9 participate in the pilot project. Three school districts shall
 10 be selected by the State Board of Education by January 1,
 11 2008, to participate in the pilot project. One school district
 12 shall be in a county that has a population of 1 million or
 13 more residents; one school district shall be in a county that
 14 has a population of 250,000 to 999,999 residents; and one
 15 school district shall be in a county that has a population of
 16 fewer than 250,000 residents. School districts selected to
 17 participate in the pilot project shall, to the greatest extent
 18 possible, represent geographically different regions of the
 19 state.

20 (b) At a minimum, each school district selected to
 21 participate in the pilot project must:

22 1. Demonstrate that it implements sound financial
 23 management practices.

24 2. Engage a design team having demonstrated knowledge
 25 and experience in high-performance green building
 26 construction.

27 3. Commit to building at least one complete school to
 28 the LEED silver-level or better building certification
 29 standards. Schools built to such building certification
 30 standards shall be designated as "green schools."

31 (c) When selecting school districts to participate in

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1 the pilot project, evaluation criteria implemented by the
 2 State Board of Education may include, but are not limited to,
 3 school districts that have a high percentage of
 4 environmentally inefficient schools or school districts that
 5 propose innovative methods to improve water savings, energy
 6 efficiency, or indoor environmental quality.

7 (4)(a) From funds appropriated for the pilot program,
 8 the department shall distribute to each participating school
 9 district an amount sufficient to fund the additional costs
 10 required to build one complete school to LEED silver-level or
 11 better building certification standards. If funds remain after
 12 the distribution, such funds may be distributed by the
 13 department to one or more of the participating school
 14 districts to fund the additional costs required to build other
 15 new schools or to renovate existing schools to LEED
 16 silver-level or better building certification standards.

17 (b) Participating school districts must annually
 18 report to the department the expenditure of funds received
 19 under paragraph (a) and the department must review the reports
 20 to ensure that the funds were properly expended. A
 21 participating school district must return to the department:

- 22 1. Any improperly expended funds.
- 23 2. Funds received under paragraph (a) for the
 24 construction or renovation of a school if LEED silver-level
 25 certification or better is not obtained for the school within
 26 1 year after its completion.

27 (c) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s.
 28 216.351, undisbursed balances of appropriations for the pilot
 29 program shall not revert to the General Revenue Fund but shall
 30 be retained by the department to be used for the purposes of
 31 this section.

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1 (5) Each participating school district shall deliver
2 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives a report of the effects the
4 pilot project has had on student performance and health,
5 operational costs, energy consumption, and the environment in
6 the district. This report shall be submitted by July 1 of the
7 year after a green school has been in full operation for 3
8 years.

9 Section 2. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the sum of
10 \$3.5 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
11 the Department of Education to fund the Green School Pilot
12 Project.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

20 and insert:

21 A bill to be entitled
22 An act relating to educational facilities;
23 creating s. 1013.441, F.S.; establishing the
24 Green Schools Pilot Project to enable selected
25 school districts to comply with certain
26 building certification standards; providing for
27 an application and selection process for
28 participation in the 3-year pilot project;
29 requiring a report; providing for the
30 disposition of undisbursed or improperly
31 expended funds; providing for annual

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1 appropriations; providing an effective date.

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