**Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee – Errata**

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**CHAPTER 4 SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON OCCUPANCY AND USE**

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HB 149 that was approved by the governor on June 21st prohibits timeout rooms in the state, effective today. Therefore, we would like to remove the timeout room section and any references to time-out rooms, from section 453, FBC, Building:

**453.13.6 Hardware.** Doors and gates shall be equipped with hardware which will allow egress at all times without assistance. No padlock, chain, hasp, lock, deadbolt, or other device shall be installed at any time on any door used for exiting. Doors which by code require closers and other doors subject to wind exposure shall be equipped with closers to prevent slamming and uncontrolled opening.

All doors opening into smoke-tight exit access corridors shall be self-closing or automatic closing. Smoke

doors in walls used to divide corridors into separate atmospheres shall be provided with push-pull plates and are not required to have positive latching. As an exception to Section 1010.1.9.8, delayed egress locks may be used in media centers, alternative education centers, and exceptional

student education centers. ~~Delayed egress locks are prohibited at time-out rooms at all locations.~~

**453.26 ~~Time-out rooms.~~ Reserved.**

**~~453.26.1~~** ~~Locking an individual inside a space without a means of opening the door from within that space is contrary to the exiting philosophy of the~~ *~~Florida Building Code~~* ~~and the~~ *~~Florida Fire Prevention Code~~* ~~as adopted by the State Fire Marshal for educational facilities. The educational program which requires containment of the out-of- control student can be accommodated within this context only if the following are met:~~

**~~453.26.2 Electromagnetic locking device.~~** ~~When a timeout room is to be locked, an electromagnetic locking device may be used and shall have the following features:~~

**~~453.26.2.1~~** ~~The lock shall remain engaged only when a push button mounted outside the time-out room adjacent to the door frame is continuously depressed by hand. Upon release of pressure, the door shall unlock.~~

~~The locking device shall be designed so that it cannot be engaged by leverage of an inanimate object or in any other manner except by constant human contact.~~ **~~453.26.2.2~~** ~~The push button, or similar device, shall be recessed from the face of the unit housing, or in some other way designed to prevent taping or wedging the button in the engaged mode.~~

**~~453.26.2.3~~** ~~The device shall have an interface relay with the fire alarm system and shall automatically release upon activation of the fire alarm.~~

**~~453.26.2.4~~** ~~The locking device shall automatically disengage in the event of a power failure.~~

**~~453.26.2.5~~** ~~Timers shall not be used on the locking device.~~

**~~453.26.3 Door requirements.~~** ~~The door shall have only a push plate exposed on the interior of the room.~~

**~~453.26.3.1~~** ~~The door shall swing out of the room and shall be equipped with a fully concealed track-type~~

~~closer.~~

**~~453.26.3.2~~** ~~A vision panel shall be provided in the door, and it shall be no larger than 144 square inches (0.093 m2). The view panel shall consist of a clear 1/4-inchthick (6 mm) unbreakable plastic panel flush with the inside face of the door on the inside of the room. The panel shall be positioned in the door so that a staff member may continuously keep the student under surveillance.~~

**~~453.26.3.3~~** ~~The door frame and jamb/head reveal on the inside shall be minimal. If provided, a flat metal threshold shall be used.~~

**~~453.26.4 Finishes.~~** ~~The floor and walls shall be durable, vandal-resistant materials. The ceiling shall be of a solid and moisture-resistant material. There shall be no projections or protrusions from the walls, ceiling, or floor. All surfaces shall be smooth and no electrical outlets, switches, plumbing clean-outs or similar items shall be inside the room. The room shall not contain anything that can be set on fire, torn, shredded or otherwise used for self-harm.~~

**~~453.26.5 Minimum size.~~** ~~The room shall be designed for a single occupant only and shall be a minimum of 6 feet by 6 feet (1828 mm by 1828 mm).~~

**~~453.26.6 Lighting.~~** ~~The room shall have a recessed vandalproof light fixture in the ceiling capable of being dimmed. The light switch shall be located outside the room adjacent to the door jamb.~~

**~~453.26.7 HVAC required.~~** ~~Time-out rooms shall be mechanically heated and cooled. Registers shall be ceiling mounted and vandalproof.~~

**453.27.13 Reserved. ~~Time-out rooms.~~** ~~Time-out rooms are not recommended but, when provided, shall comply with the specific requirements for time-out rooms found elsewhere in these public educational facilities code requirements.~~

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**TAC Recommendation:**

**Commission Action:**