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Section 423.5.13

Question:

Is it the intent of of this section to require the whole building to be brought up to code or just the room or area that is being remodeled.

Answer

Only that portion of the building being remodeled must be brought into compliance with the FBC and FFPC. If the student-occupied space is remodeled and if the primary existing from the remodeled space is required to go through an existing exit access corridor, the corridor shall meet the requirements for 1-hour fire-rated construction. The exiting access corridor shall meet the 1-hour rating from the remodeled space to the exit discharge in at least two directions, unless a single exit access corridor exist, in which the travel distance to the exit discharge does not exceed 75 feet of travel. Corridors in fully sprinklered buildings shall meet requirements for smoke-tight construction.

Commentary:

This has been the policy of the Department of Education for many many years. Public education is exempt from the existing building code.

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