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Authorizes a county to designate public school projects as an essential public facility within its jurisdiction and allows school projects to be sited outside the urban growth area based on certain criteria.

Requires a county that is required or chooses to plan under the growth management act, to: (1) As an alternative to designating school projects as an essential public facility, establish, in consultation with affected school districts and affected cities, a process for approving school projects outside of the urban growth area based on certain criteria; and

(2) Amend its process for siting schools outside the urban growth area.