A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonprofit private schools; 2 amending s. 159.27, F.S.; redefining the term "educational facility" to include certain 4 nonprofit private schools; amending s. 623.13, F.S.; authorizing financing under the Florida Industrial Development Financing Act or by industrial development authorities; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Subsection (22) of section 159.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159.27 Definitions.--The following words and terms, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning, shall have the following meanings:

(22) "Educational facility" means property, limited to a structure suitable for use as a dormitory or other housing facility or a dining facility, that is operated in the public sector and used for or useful in connection with the operation of an institution for higher education, as defined in s. 243.20(8), which offers the baccalaureate or a higher degree and that is constructed in compliance with applicable codes as determined by appropriate state agencies. The term includes any property used in the operation of any nonprofit private school that is established under chapter 617, chapter 623, or that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. Section 623.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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623.13 Administration, supervision, and operation by private persons or entities.—Any corporation organized and existing under this act shall be administered, supervised, operated, financed, and controlled exclusively by private persons and private entities and their funds. All persons while acting in any public official capacity are hereby specifically prohibited from engaging in any manner in such administration, supervision, operation, financing, and control of the affairs of such corporation. This section does not prohibit the financing of educational facilities as provided in part II or part III of chapter 159.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Redefines the term "educational facility" for purposes of the Industrial Development Financing Act to include nonprofit private schools. Authorizes financing of nonprofit private schools under the Industrial Development Financing Act or by industrial development authorities.

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