

By Representative Pickens

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the district school tax;
3 amending s. 236.25, F.S.; allowing certain
4 school districts to levy, by referendum,
5 additional district school taxes; providing
6 limitations on the uses of the resulting
7 revenues; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 236.25,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 236.25 District school tax.--

14 (6) In addition to the maximum millage levied under
15 this section and the General Appropriations Act, a school
16 district that is operating under a Seal of Best Financial
17 Management issued under s. 230.23025 may levy, by local
18 referendum, additional millage for school operational purposes
19 up to an amount that, when combined with nonvoted millage
20 levied under this section, does not exceed the 10-mill limit
21 established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution.
22 Any such levy shall be for a maximum of 4 years and shall be
23 counted as part of the 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b),
24 Art. VII of the State Constitution. Millage elections
25 conducted under the authority granted pursuant to this section
26 are subject to ss. 236.31 and 236.32. Funds generated by such
27 additional millage do not become a part of the calculation of
28 the Florida Education Finance Program total potential funds in
29 2001-2002 or any subsequent year and shall not be incorporated
30 in the calculation of any hold-harmless or other component of
31 the Florida Education Finance Program formula in any year.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

SENATE SUMMARY

Allows a school district that is operating under a Seal of Best Financial Management to levy, by local referendum, additional district school taxes, for a maximum period of 4 years. Provides limitations on the uses of such tax revenues.