

By Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to district school taxation;
3 amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; authorizing certain
4 expenditures from district school tax revenues
5 to pay insurance premiums; providing
6 limitations; providing for legislative review;
7 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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
12 1011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1011.71 District school tax.--

14 (5)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that, by
15 July 1, 2003, revenue generated by the millage levy authorized
16 by subsection (2) should be used only for the costs of
17 construction, renovation, remodeling, maintenance, and repair
18 of the educational plant; for the purchase, lease, or
19 lease-purchase of equipment, educational plants, and
20 construction materials directly related to the delivery of
21 student instruction; for the rental or lease of existing
22 buildings, or space within existing buildings, originally
23 constructed or used for purposes other than education, for
24 conversion to use as educational facilities; for property and
25 casualty insurance premiums necessary to insure the
26 educational plant of the school district;for the opening day
27 collection for the library media center of a new school; for
28 the purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of school buses; and
29 for servicing of payments related to certificates of
30 participation issued for any purpose prior to the effective
31 date of this act. Costs associated with the lease-purchase of

1 equipment, educational plants, and school buses may include
2 the issuance of certificates of participation on or after the
3 effective date of this act and the servicing of payments
4 related to certificates so issued. For purposes of this
5 section, "maintenance and repair" is defined in s. 1013.01. If
6 operating revenues are made available through the payment of
7 property and casualty insurance premiums from revenues
8 generated under subsection (2), such operating revenues may be
9 expended only for nonrecurring operational expenditures of the
10 school district. The Legislature shall review this paragraph
11 by June 30, 2006.

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13 A district that violates these expenditure restrictions shall
14 have an equal dollar reduction in funds appropriated to the
15 district under s. 1011.62 in the fiscal year following the
16 audit citation. The expenditure restrictions do not apply to
17 any school district that certifies to the Commissioner of
18 Education that all of the district's instructional space needs
19 for the next 5 years can be met from capital outlay sources
20 that the district reasonably expects to receive during the
21 next 5 years or from alternative scheduling or construction,
22 leasing, rezoning, or technological methodologies that exhibit
23 sound management.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Authorizes district school tax revenues to be used for
29 insurance premiums. Provides limitations on the use of
30 certain other revenues. Provides for legislative review.