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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to uses of the district school tax; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; including health, property, and casualty insurance costs as authorized uses of school district millage; authorizing school districts meeting certain class size requirements to use revenues generated by the district school tax for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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- Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (2) and Section 1. paragraph (e) is added to subsection (5) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, to read:
  - 1011.71 District school tax.--
- In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 2 mills against the taxable value for school purposes to fund:
- (j) Health, property, and casualty insurance costs of the school district.

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Violations of these expenditure provisions shall result in an equal dollar reduction in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funds for the violating district in the fiscal year following the audit citation.

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(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this

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subsection, school districts that have met the class size

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requirements of s. 1003.03 may use the revenue generated by the millage levy authorized by subsection (2) for the purposes delineated in subsection (2).

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.