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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public school funding; providing
 3 for school district flexibility in the 2009-2010
 4 fiscal year to expend specified funds for operating
 5 expenses; requiring district school board adoption of
 6 a resolution and approval of an amendment to the
 7 school district's operating budget; amending s.
 8 1011.71, F.S.; deleting a restriction on the
 9 expenditure of capital outlay millage for educational
 10 facilities and sites under a lease-purchase agreement;
 11 deleting a restriction on the expenditure of operating
 12 revenues made available through the payment of
 13 property and casualty insurance premiums; providing an
 14 effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. School district flexibility.-

19 (1) Each district school board is given flexibility to
 20 expend in its operating budget any funds allocated to the school
 21 district for prekindergarten through grade 12 public schools
 22 through specific appropriations in the 2009-2010 General
 23 Appropriations Act, including, but not limited to:

- 24 (a) Funds for instructional materials.
- 25 (b) Funds for supplemental academic instruction.
- 26 (c) Funds for supplemental reading instruction.
- 27 (d) Funds for the Merit Award Program for Instructional
 28 Personnel and School-Based Administrators.
- 29 (e) Funds for the Florida School Recognition Program.

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30 (f) Funds for student transportation.

31 (2) To expend funds for operating expenses under subsection
32 (1), a district school board shall find and declare in a
33 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that
34 the funds are urgently needed to maintain school board operating
35 expenses and shall approve an amendment to the school district's
36 2009-2010 operating budget transferring the identified amount of
37 funds to the appropriate account for expenditure.

38 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) and paragraph
39 (b) of subsection (4) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, as
40 amended by Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for
41 Senate Bill 6-A, 2009 Special Session A, are amended to read:

42 1011.71 District school tax.—

43 (2) In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in
44 subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 1.75
45 mills against the taxable value for school purposes for district
46 schools, including charter schools at the discretion of the
47 school board, to fund:

48 (e) Payments for educational facilities and sites due under
49 a lease-purchase agreement entered into by a district school
50 board pursuant to s. 1003.02(1)(f) or s. 1013.15(2), ~~not~~
51 ~~exceeding, in the aggregate, an amount equal to three-fourths of~~
52 ~~the proceeds from the millage levied by a district school board~~
53 ~~pursuant to this subsection.~~

54 (4) Effective July 1, 2008, and through June 30, 2010, a
55 school district may expend, subject to the provisions of s.
56 200.065, up to \$100 per unweighted full-time equivalent student
57 from the revenue generated by the millage levy authorized by
58 subsection (2) to fund, in addition to expenditures authorized

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59 in paragraphs (2)(a)-(j), expenses for the following:

60 (b) Payment of the cost of premiums for property and
61 casualty insurance necessary to insure school district
62 educational and ancillary plants. Operating revenues that are
63 made available through the payment of property and casualty
64 insurance premiums from revenues generated under this subsection
65 may be expended ~~only for nonrecurring operational expenditures~~
66 ~~of the school district.~~

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.