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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school district funding;
3 authorizing a school district to expend certain funds
4 from its operating budget as nonrecurring expenditures
5 allocated by specific appropriation; requiring that
6 each school board adopt a resolution finding that such
7 funds are urgently needed to maintain school board
8 operating expenses; requiring that the school board
9 amend the school district's 2009-2010 operating budget
10 by identifying the amount of funds to be expended;
11 providing for repeal; requiring legislative review of
12 the transfer of such funds; providing that the
13 transfer of such funds may be reauthorized by the
14 Legislature; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; revising
15 certain effective dates relating to the district
16 school tax; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. School district funding flexibility.-

21 (1) (a) Each district school board may expend the following
22 funds from its operating budget as nonrecurring expenditures
23 allocated to the school district by specific appropriation in
24 the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act:

- 25 1. Funds for safe schools;
26 2. Funds for supplemental academic instruction;
27 3. Funds for supplemental reading instruction;
28 4. Funds for the Teachers Lead Program; and
29 5. Funds for the Florida School Recognition Program.

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30 (b) In order to expend funds for operating expenses under
31 this subsection, a school board shall adopt a resolution at a
32 regular school board meeting which finds that the funds are
33 urgently needed to maintain school board operating expenses. The
34 school board shall also approve an amendment to the school
35 district's 2009-2010 operating budget which transfers the
36 identified amount of funds to the appropriate account for
37 expenditure.

38 (2) This section is repealed June 30, 2010.

39 Section 2. The transfer of funds authorized in section 1 of
40 this act shall be reviewed by the Legislature and may be
41 reauthorized for subsequent fiscal years.

42 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and subsection
43 (4) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, as amended by section
44 12 of chapter 2009-3, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

45 1011.71 District school tax.—

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

51 (d) Effective July 1, 2007 ~~2008~~, the purchase, lease-
52 purchase, or lease of new and replacement equipment, and
53 enterprise resource software applications that are classified as
54 capital assets in accordance with definitions of the
55 Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of
56 at least 5 years, and are used to support district-wide
57 administration or state-mandated reporting requirements.

58 (4) Effective July 1, 2008, ~~and through June 30, 2010,~~ a

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59 school district may expend, subject to the provisions of s.
60 200.065, up to \$100 per unweighted full-time equivalent student
61 from the revenue generated by the millage levy authorized by
62 subsection (2) to fund, in addition to expenditures authorized
63 in paragraphs (2)(a)-(j), expenses for the following:

64 (a) The purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of driver's
65 education vehicles; motor vehicles used for the maintenance or
66 operation of plants and equipment; security vehicles; or
67 vehicles used in storing or distributing materials and
68 equipment.

69 (b) Payment of the cost of premiums for property and
70 casualty insurance necessary to insure school district
71 educational and ancillary plants. Operating revenues that are
72 made available through the payment of property and casualty
73 insurance premiums from revenues generated under this subsection
74 may be expended only for nonrecurring operational expenditures
75 of the school district.

76 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.