

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

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

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 17           Section 1. School district flexibility.--

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

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

29        (f) Funds for student transportation.  
 30        (2) To expend funds for operating expenses under  
 31 subsection (1), a district school board shall find and declare  
 32 in a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board  
 33 that the funds are urgently needed to maintain school board  
 34 operating expenses and shall approve an amendment to the school  
 35 district's 2009-2010 operating budget transferring the  
 36 identified amount of funds to the appropriate account for  
 37 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  
 49 under a lease-purchase agreement entered into by a district  
 50 school 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

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57 | from the revenue generated by the millage levy authorized by  
58 | subsection (2) to fund, in addition to expenditures authorized  
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.