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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the discretionary school sales
3 surtax; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; revising provisions
4 with respect to the content of school board
5 resolutions that impose discretionary school surtaxes
6 and the required referendum ballot statements relating
7 to such resolutions; providing that the inclusion of
8 specified costs for technology in the plan for use of
9 surtax proceeds is discretionary; authorizing the
10 expenditure of surtax proceeds for certain fixed
11 capital expenditures and costs associated with
12 facilities and campuses of Florida College System
13 institutions and state universities under specified
14 conditions and circumstances; providing an effective
15 date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 212.055, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
22 authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent
23 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales
24 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a
25 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the
26 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties
27 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the
28 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the

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55 design, and engineering costs related thereto. Additionally, the
56 plan may ~~shall~~ include the costs of retrofitting and providing
57 for technology implementation, including hardware and software,
58 for the various sites within the school district. Surtax
59 revenues may be used for the purpose of servicing bond
60 indebtedness to finance projects authorized by this subsection,
61 and any interest accrued thereto may be held in trust to finance
62 such projects. Neither the proceeds of the surtax nor any
63 interest accrued thereto shall be used for operational expenses.

64 (d) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of Revenue
65 pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the school
66 board imposing the surtax in accordance with law.

67 (e) For purposes of this subsection, the terms "new or
68 existing school projects" and "school facilities and campuses"
69 may include fixed capital expenditures and fixed capital costs
70 associated with facilities and campuses of Florida College
71 System institutions and state universities, if an interlocal
72 agreement between and among the levying school district, and the
73 corresponding Florida College System institutions or state
74 universities is adopted and approved by their respective
75 governing bodies and provided that all expenditures or costs are
76 for the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of
77 facilities and campuses located in the county in which the
78 surtax is approved.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.