

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Monroe County School Board, Monroe  
 3           County; providing legislative findings and intent;  
 4           providing an exception to general law; exempting  
 5           Monroe County School Board from certain capital funds  
 6           cost per student station limitations; authorizing the  
 7           school board to use specified funds for capital needs;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. The Legislature finds that general law provides  
 13 for a limitation on the sources of capital funds for school  
 14 construction and cost per student stations under s. 1013.64,  
 15 Florida Statutes. The Legislature further finds that Monroe  
 16 County Schools must be built to category five hurricane  
 17 standards in order to provide safe refuges of last resort and  
 18 shelters due to hurricanes. Further, the cost of construction in  
 19 Monroe County is much greater than other comparable school  
 20 districts. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to  
 21 exempt Monroe County School Board from such limitations.

22           Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 1013.64, Florida Statutes,  
 23 the Monroe County School Board shall be:

24           (1) Exempt from the financing restrictions and the cost  
 25 per student station limitations provided in s. 1013.64(6)(b),

26 Florida Statutes.

27 (2) Authorized to use for capital needs the funds from the  
28 following sources: Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt  
29 Service Trust Fund; School District and Community College  
30 District Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; Classrooms  
31 First Program funds provided in s. 1013.68, Florida Statutes;  
32 nonvoted 1.5-mill levy of ad valorem property taxes provided in  
33 s. 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes; Classroom for Kids Program  
34 funds provided in s. 1013.735, Florida Statutes; the District  
35 Effort Recognition Program funds provided in s. 1013.736,  
36 Florida Statutes; or High Growth District Capital Outlay  
37 Assistance Grant Program funds provided in s. 1013.738, Florida  
38 Statutes.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.