A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction and facilities; amending s. 163.3180, F.S.; exempting specified public facilities from concurrency; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; authorizing developers to provide specified improvements and contributions to public schools under certain circumstances; requiring developers to receive credits for impact fees from such improvements and contributions; requiring such credits to be approved by local governments and special districts; creating s. 316.18941, F.S.; prohibiting local governing authorities from imposing or enforcing vehicular stacking ordinances or regulations against specified schools during certain hours; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising building requirements for charter schools; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of section 163.3180, Florida Statutes, to read:

163.3180 Concurrency.-

(1) Sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, and potable water are the only public facilities and services subject to the concurrency requirement on a statewide basis. Additional public

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facilities and services may not be made subject to concurrency on a statewide basis without approval by the Legislature; however, any local government may extend the concurrency requirement so that it applies to additional public facilities within its jurisdiction.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, construction projects of public facilities, as defined in s. 163.3164, that are necessary to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare, including public schools, shall be exempt from concurrency. Because charter schools are a part of concurrency and serve a public good, local governments are authorized to grant special variances for the opening of a charter school in a manner consistent with traditional public schools.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of section 163.31801, Florida Statutes, to read:

163.31801 Impact fees; short title; intent; minimum requirements; audits; challenges.—

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a local government or special district charges and collects an education impact fee, a developer may contract with a school district or charter school to provide an improvement or contribution, including monetary contributions, land dedications, site planning and design, or construction, and

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shall be credited against the collection of the education impact fee on a dollar-for-dollar basis at fair market value. The public school that benefits from the improvement or contribution must be within a 3-mile radius of the development. Such credits shall be approved by the local government or special district.

Section 3. Section 316.18941, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.18941 Vehicular stacking during school hours.—
Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
local governing authorities may not impose or enforce any
vehicular stacking ordinance or regulation against any public
school or private school during adopted school hours, including
during student drop-off and pick-up hours, if such ordinance or
regulation would limit enrollment.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (18) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.-

(18) FACILITIES.—

(a) A startup charter school shall utilize facilities which comply with the Florida Building Code pursuant to chapter 553 except for the State Requirements for Educational Facilities. Conversion charter schools shall utilize facilities that comply with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities provided that the school district and the charter school have entered into a mutual management plan for the

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reasonable maintenance of such facilities. The mutual management plan shall contain a provision by which the district school board agrees to maintain charter school facilities in the same manner as its other public schools within the district. Charter schools, with the exception of conversion charter schools, are not required to comply, but may choose to comply, with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code adopted pursuant to s. 1013.37. The local governing authority shall not adopt, or impose, or enforce any local building requirements or site-development restrictions that impact, such as parking and site-size criteria, student enrollment and capacity, and occupant load, and that are addressed by and more stringent than those found in the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code. A local governing authority may not require a proposed charter school to obtain a special exemption or conditional use approval in order for the charter school to be an allowable use under the local governing authority's land development code. A local governing authority must treat charter schools equitably in comparison to similar requirements, restrictions, and site planning processes imposed upon public schools that are not charter schools, including such provisions that are established by interlocal agreement. An interlocal agreement entered into by a school district for the development of only its own schools, including provisions

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relating to the extension of infrastructure, may be used by charter schools. A charter school may not be subject to any land use regulation requiring a change to a local government comprehensive plan or requiring a development order or development permit, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, that would not be required for a public school in the same location. The agency having jurisdiction for inspection of a facility and issuance of a certificate of occupancy or use shall be the local municipality or, if in an unincorporated area, the county governing authority. If an official or employee of the local governing authority refuses to comply with this paragraph, the aggrieved school or entity has an immediate right to bring an action in circuit court to enforce its rights by injunction. An aggrieved party that receives injunctive relief may be awarded attorney fees and court costs.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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