A bill to be entitled
An act relating to district school taxes; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to levy up to 2.0 mills, rather than 1.5 mills, for specified purposes by a supermajority vote of the school board; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.71  District school tax.—
(2)  In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 1.5 mills or, with a supermajority vote of the school board, 2.0 mills against the taxable value for school purposes for charter schools pursuant to s. 1013.62(1) and (3) and for district schools to fund:
(a)  New construction and remodeling projects, as set forth in s. 1013.64(6)(b) and included in the district's educational plant survey pursuant to s. 1013.31, without regard to prioritization, sites and site improvement or expansion to new sites, existing sites, auxiliary facilities, athletic facilities, or ancillary facilities.
(b)  Maintenance, renovation, and repair of existing school
plants or of leased facilities to correct deficiencies pursuant to s. 1013.15(2).

(c) The purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of school buses.

(d) The purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of new and replacement equipment; computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources; and enterprise resource software applications that are classified as capital assets in accordance with definitions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of at least 5 years, and are used to support districtwide administration or state-mandated reporting requirements. Enterprise resource software may be acquired by annual license fees, maintenance fees, or lease agreements.

(e) Payments for educational facilities and sites due under a lease-purchase agreement entered into by a district school board pursuant to s. 1003.02(1)(f) or s. 1013.15(2), not exceeding, in the aggregate, an amount equal to three-fourths of the proceeds from the millage levied by a district school board pursuant to this subsection. The three-fourths limit is waived for lease-purchase agreements entered into before June 30, 2009, by a district school board pursuant to this paragraph. If payments under lease-purchase agreements in the aggregate, including lease-purchase agreements entered into before June 30,
2009, exceed three-fourths of the proceeds from the millage levied pursuant to this subsection, the district school board may not withhold the administrative fees authorized by s. 1002.33(20) from any charter school operating in the school district.

(f) Payment of loans approved pursuant to ss. 1011.14 and 1011.15.

(g) Payment of costs directly related to complying with state and federal environmental statutes, rules, and regulations governing school facilities.

(h) Payment of costs of leasing relocatable educational facilities, of renting or leasing educational facilities and sites pursuant to s. 1013.15(2), or of renting or leasing buildings or space within existing buildings pursuant to s. 1013.15(4).

(i) Payment of the cost of school buses when a school district contracts with a private entity to provide student transportation services if the district meets the requirements of this paragraph.

1. The district's contract must require that the private entity purchase, lease-purchase, or lease, and operate and maintain, one or more school buses of a specific type and size that meet the requirements of s. 1006.25.

2. Each such school bus must be used for the daily transportation of public school students in the manner required...
3. Annual payment for each such school bus may not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price of the state pool bid.

4. The proposed expenditure of the funds for this purpose must have been included in the district school board's notice of proposed tax for school capital outlay as provided in s. 200.065(10).

(j) Payment of the cost of the opening day collection for the library media center of a new school.

(k) Payout of sick leave and annual leave accrued as of June 30, 2017, by individuals who are no longer employed by a school district that transfers to a charter school operator all day-to-day classroom instruction responsibility for all full-time equivalent students funded under s. 1011.62. This paragraph expires July 1, 2018.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.