

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to district school taxes; amending s.  
 3           1011.71, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to  
 4           levy up to 2.0 mills, rather than 1.5 mills, for  
 5           specified purposes by a supermajority vote of the  
 6           school board; providing an effective date.

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

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

12           1011.71 District school tax.—

13           (2) In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in  
 14   subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 1.5  
 15   mills or, with a supermajority vote of the school board, 2.0  
 16   mills against the taxable value for school purposes for charter  
 17   schools pursuant to s. 1013.62(1) and (3) and for district  
 18   schools to fund:

19           (a) New construction and remodeling projects, as set forth  
 20   in s. 1013.64(6)(b) and included in the district's educational  
 21   plant survey pursuant to s. 1013.31, without regard to  
 22   prioritization, sites and site improvement or expansion to new  
 23   sites, existing sites, auxiliary facilities, athletic  
 24   facilities, or ancillary facilities.

25           (b) Maintenance, renovation, and repair of existing school

26 | plants or of leased facilities to correct deficiencies pursuant  
27 | to s. 1013.15(2).

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

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

41 |       (e) Payments for educational facilities and sites due  
42 | under a lease-purchase agreement entered into by a district  
43 | school board pursuant to s. 1003.02(1)(f) or s. 1013.15(2), not  
44 | exceeding, in the aggregate, an amount equal to three-fourths of  
45 | the proceeds from the millage levied by a district school board  
46 | pursuant to this subsection. The three-fourths limit is waived  
47 | for lease-purchase agreements entered into before June 30, 2009,  
48 | by a district school board pursuant to this paragraph. If  
49 | payments under lease-purchase agreements in the aggregate,  
50 | including lease-purchase agreements entered into before June 30,

51 2009, exceed three-fourths of the proceeds from the millage  
52 levied pursuant to this subsection, the district school board  
53 may not withhold the administrative fees authorized by s.  
54 1002.33(20) from any charter school operating in the school  
55 district.

56 (f) Payment of loans approved pursuant to ss. 1011.14 and  
57 1011.15.

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

61 (h) Payment of costs of leasing relocatable educational  
62 facilities, of renting or leasing educational facilities and  
63 sites pursuant to s. 1013.15(2), or of renting or leasing  
64 buildings or space within existing buildings pursuant to s.  
65 1013.15(4).

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

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

74 2. Each such school bus must be used for the daily  
75 transportation of public school students in the manner required

76 | by the school district.

77 |         3. Annual payment for each such school bus may not exceed  
78 | 10 percent of the purchase price of the state pool bid.

79 |         4. The proposed expenditure of the funds for this purpose  
80 | must have been included in the district school board's notice of  
81 | proposed tax for school capital outlay as provided in s.  
82 | 200.065(10).

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

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

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