A bill to be entitled
An act relating to upgrades to education facilities as emergency shelters; amending s. 1013.372, F.S.; exempting costs of less than $2 million associated with certain upgrades to education facilities from being included in certain cost per student station calculations; specifying eligible updates that may be made; prohibiting renewable energy source devices located on the property of an education facility from generating more than a specified amount of energy; requiring costs associated with certain upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in the area where the education facility is located; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (3) of section 1013.372, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

1013.372 Education facilities as emergency shelters.—
(3) Any costs of less than $2 million associated with upgrades to an education facility which are designed to improve the capabilities of the facility to provide enhanced hurricane protection areas in accordance with the Florida Building Code may not be included in calculating the total cost per student station for purposes of meeting the limits under s. 1013.64(6)(b).

(a) Eligible upgrades under this subsection are limited to
those necessary for an area to be designated as an enhanced hurricane protection area; electrical and standby emergency power systems as provided in the Florida Building Code; renewable energy source devices as defined in s. 193.624(1); and energy storage devices. A renewable energy source device located on the property of an education facility may not generate a cumulative amount of energy during a calendar year which is greater than the energy that the facility consumes during the calendar year.

(b) All costs associated with upgrades made pursuant to this subsection must be consistent with prevailing market costs in the area where the education facility is located.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.