

# LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 05/22/19

BT or RC No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Duval County School Board  
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The bill acknowledges the need to improve school hardening for safety and security of students, to repair and renovate deteriorating school buildings, to consolidate small schools for improved learning and operational efficiencies, to construct new schools in needed areas, and to bring equity to public school learning environments across the city.

Meeting these objectives requires a local source of revenue. The State of Florida mandates the School Board's allowable millage rate for both capital and operational revenue. The State reduced the allowable millage for capital outlay from 2 mills to 1.75 mills in 2008-2009 and from 1.75 mills to 1.5 mills in 2009-2010. The School Board has no remaining discretion to raise revenue without a local voter referendum.

This decline in State funding, combined with the realities of maintaining a facility inventory of which 65 percent is more than 50 years old, requires a new funding source. The district does not have the funding capacity to make needed security improvements in the current school safety era, to meet the district's needs for new schools, or to continue maintaining buildings and facility systems long past their useful life. Technology infrastructure of schools requires modernization to best serve students in the current employment economy, and the requirement to provide equitable educational resources and opportunities throughout the city must be prioritized.

If placed on the ballot at a proposed special election in November, and if subsequently approved by voters, the School Board will create a process for charter schools with similar capital funding needs to receive a portion of the revenue. The School Board's use of the surtax will be monitored by a citizen oversight committee to ensure revenue is properly directed to the projects of the district's master facilities plan.

The Duval County School Board at its May meeting passed a resolution requesting an election for a discretionary ½ cent sales surtax to upgrade and modernize its aging schools, improve school safety, and make schools more conducive to learning and student achievement. This bill sets the date for the special election to be held Nov. 5, 2019.



**PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:**

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

(Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

**ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List.** If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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|            | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                           |
| Emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency.

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|                              | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                           |
| Federal or State<br>Mandate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision.

Fiscal Year Carryover?

Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language.

CIP Amendment?

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.

Contract / Agreement Approval?

Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted?

Related RC/BT?

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).

Waiver of Code?

Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.

Code Exception?

Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.

Related Enacted Ordinances?

Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                        | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                           |
| Continuation of Grant? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?

Surplus Property Certification?

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).

Reporting  
Requirements?

Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating

Division Chief: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Initiating Council Member / Independent Agency / Constitutional Officer

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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item:

Yes

No

Boards Action / Resolution?

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?

**FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED**