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.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated

\$0.00 as follows:

List the source **name** and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

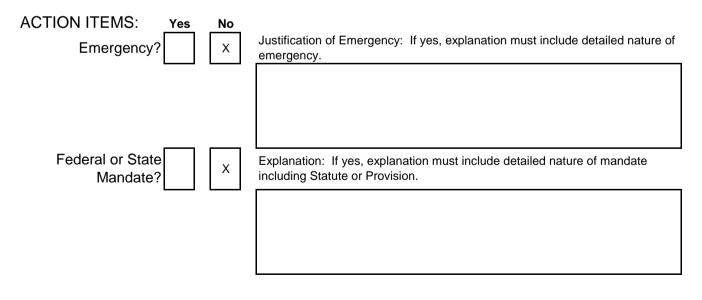
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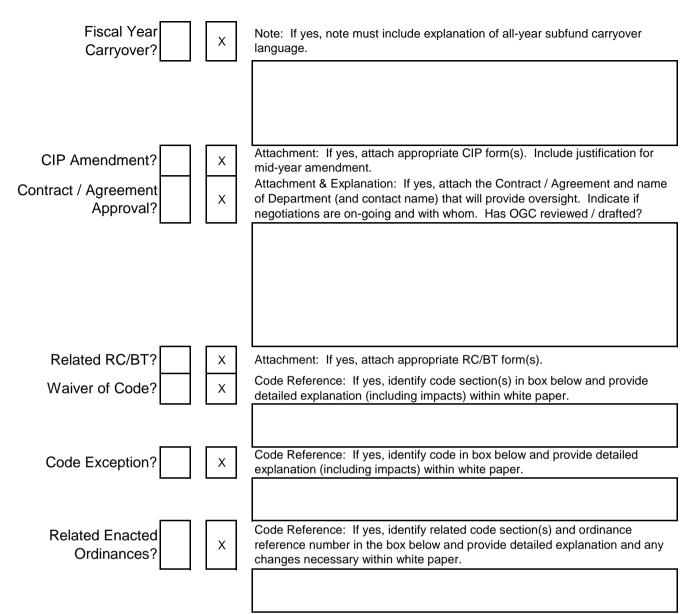
PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

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.

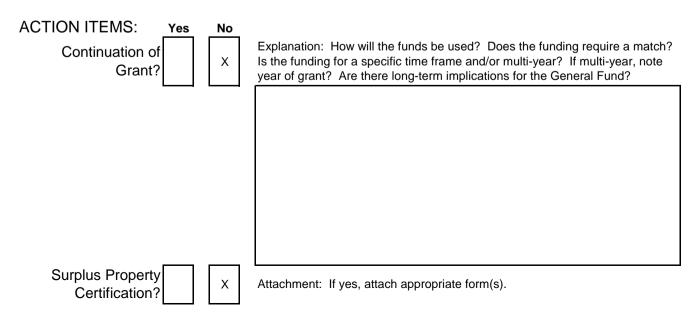
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ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.





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



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		(signature)	
Prepared By:			Date:
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approvin	g the legislation.	·	a resolution from the Independent Agency Board		
•	dent Agency Action Item: Boards Action / Resolution	Yes No ? X	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?		

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