

# Capitol e-Report - Governor Crist Acts on Florida Budget Cuts; Vetoes Some Cuts

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Governor Crist today acted on the budget reductions made during the recent Special Session of the Florida Legislature. The Governor exercised his veto authority on about \$90.9 million of the cuts made by the Legislature, thus restoring some appropriations in certain policy areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Public Safety, Environmental, Economic Development, and the Florida National Guard. The Legislature actually cut about \$300 million more than was necessary to reduce current year spending to be in line with revenue, and the Governor's restoration of certain funds keeps the state in the black in an amount of about \$210 million. In return, however, Legislative leadership has asked the Governor to reduce his 2009-2010 budget recommendations by an amount equal to his veto. The Governor's Recommended Budget for the state's next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, is due to the Legislature in February. *To view the Governor's letter, please click on the PDF icon above.*

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