



December 17, 2004

Special Session A Summary

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Session Adjourns
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Thursday**



Here is a Session Summary Report that previews all bills passed this week during Special Legislative Session "A." These bills – which include Universal Pre-K, Hurricane Relief, Juvenile Detention, Florida Kid-care and Medical Discount Card – now go to Governor Jeb Bush for final approval. For the full bill text on passed legislation, please hit the Florida Legislature's website at www.leg.state.fl.us

HOUSE BILL 1-A

Relating to Voluntary Pre-K Education Program

Voluntary Pre-K Education Program; creates Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Education Program; provides eligibility & enrollment requirements; authorizes parents to enroll their children in school year program delivered by private pre-K provider, summer program delivered by public school or private pre-K provider, or school-year program delivered by public school; requires appropriate adult supervision for pre-K

classes, etc. Creates 1002.51-.79; amends various FS. APPROPRIATION: \$11,778,639. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 4-A

Relating to Juvenile Detention

Juvenile Detention; revises apportionment of certain costs between counties & state of providing detention care for juveniles; deletes requirement that CFO withhold portion of county funds if county remits to state less than amount required; deletes

provisions directing Juvenile Justice Dept. to negotiate with other states for certain costs & to pay costs of detaining juveniles for whom no state of residence is established, etc. Amends 985.2155. APPROPRIATION: \$65,146,936. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HOUSE BILL 5-A

Relating to Discount Medical Plan Organizations

Discount Medical Plan Organizations; delays date by which such organization or marketer must comply with requirements of provisions re licensure & regulation of discount medical plan organizations. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 8-A

Relating to Residences/Damage/Tropical Systems

Residences/Damage/Tropical Systems; provides for reimbursement of portion of ad valorem tax levied on house or other residential building if building is rendered uninhabitable due to named tropical system; requires that application for such reimbursement be made with property appraiser; provides for reimbursement of state sales tax paid on purchase of mobile home to replace mobile home that experienced major damage from named tropical storm, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$35,070,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HOUSE BILL 9-A

Relating to Hurricane Deductibles

Hurricane Deductibles; provides for Financial Services Dept. to reimburse policyholders of residential property insurance for multiple deductibles applied by insurers for two or

more hurricanes; prohibits insurers from changing methods of waiving or applying deductibles due to provisions of law providing for reimbursement to policyholders; requires State Administration Bd. To increase future premiums to Fla. Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, etc. Amends 627.701. APPROPRIATION: \$150,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HOUSE BILL 11-A

Relating to Educational Facilities/Restoration

Educational Facilities/Restoration; creates Educational Facilities Hurricane Restoration Cash Flow Loan Program for purpose of assisting district school boards in making timely payments in restoring educational facilities; provides eligibility requirements for receiving cash flow loan; requires DOE to administer loan program & distribute loan funds; requires DCA to notify DOE when certain federal payments have been distributed. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 14-A

Relating to Hurricane-Damaged Beaches & Dunes

Hurricane-damaged Beaches & Dunes; provides legislative findings re hurricane damage to state's beach & dune systems; requires DEP to provide report on repair & restoration of state's beaches & dunes to Governor & Legislature; requires local match for certain appropriations; limits local match to counties & municipalities with certain per capita personal income level; authorizes Executive Office of Governor to approve waiver under certain conditions, etc.

APPROPRIATION: \$68,400,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 16-A

Relating to Agricultural Program/Hurricane Impact

Agricultural Program/Hurricane Impact; provides legislative findings re impact of hurricanes & tropical storm of 2004 on Agriculture & Consumer Services Dept.'s citrus canker eradication & compensation programs, spread of infestation of soybean rust resulting in need to conduct surveys to determine extent of such infestation, & projected shortfall in revenues of Plant Industry TF; requires dept. to provide report on citrus canker eradication to Governor & Legislature, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$13,100,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 18-A

Relating to Hurricane Relief/Health/Human Services

Hurricane Relief/Health/Human Services.; provides legislative findings re need to provide nutritional, medical, & social services to elderly, children, families, individuals with disabilities, & low-income individuals due to impact of hurricanes & tropical storm in this state during 2004; requires that Executive Office of Governor provide prior notice to Legislative Budget Commission of allocations from lump-sum appropriations to appropriation categories, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$22,518,165. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HOUSE BILL 19-A

Relating to Hurricane-Relief Funding
Hurricane-relief Funding; requires that state & affected local government provide certain amounts of matching funds following

acceptance of federal public assistance funds that are conditioned upon such match; authorizes Executive Office of Governor to waive requirement under certain circumstances; requires that recipient provide required match before receiving federal hazard mitigation funds; provides for certain exceptions, etc. Amends 252.37. APPROPRIATION: \$762,219,710. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HOUSE BILL 21-A

Relating to Displaced Workers/Funding/Hurricane

Displaced Workers/Funding/Hurricane; requires agency to provide quarterly reports on certain expenditures; requires report to be submitted to Governor & Legislature; provides that report must contain certain information; requires that appropriation be used for additional temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers; authorizes agency to spend appropriation as permitted by Federal Government; provides that appropriation is nonrecurring, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$21,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SENATE BILL 28-A

Relating to Florida Kid-Care Program

Florida Kid-Care Program; revises requirements for documenting family income for purposes of determining child's eligibility for program. Amends 409.814. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

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