

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
Emergent Design and Development
APRIL 13, 2006

The week of April 10-14 is scheduled to be a slow week of activity in the Florida Legislature. The Senate has scheduled no meetings for the week and the House has meetings scheduled only on Monday and Tuesday. As of today, only 10 Bills have passed both chambers, 4 have become law, none of which pertain to education.

Both Houses have unanimously passed their respective budgets on third reading. We expect that these budgets will be published early in the week. Since these budgets have many areas of disagreement, a conference committee made up of members of both Houses will be named. They are expected to begin working out the compromises as early as Thursday April 20, 2006.

The overall budget appears to be very positive for Education, with a great deal of additional dollars added to this part of the budget when compared to last year. Even as late as Wednesday April 12, the Revenue Estimating Conference indicated that Florida will have an increase of \$960 million dollars available for the budget. (\$533 million recurring and \$427 million non-recurring)

Below is a comparison of some of the budget items that may be of interest. We have listed last year's appropriation, followed by the Senate position for 2006 and the House position. Remember that if the House and Senate are the same, then that will be the appropriation. If there is a difference, quite often the final result is somewhere in the middle.

General Budget Information

Growth is funded in both Houses at 50,877 FTE's.

The district Cost Differential (DCD) is set at the statutory level.

The Base Student Allocation is \$4,005.32 in the Senate and \$3,852.37 in the House.

The maximum PECO Allocation is \$1,880,000,000.

The 2006-2007 Cost Factors are listed below. (note that some have changed)

Category	Last Year	Both House and Senate 2006
K-3 Basic	1.018	1.035
4-8 Basic	1.000	1.000
9-12 Basic	1.113	1.088
ESE Level 4	3.818	3.734
ESE Level 5	5.190	5.201
ESOL	1.318	1.275
9-12 Voc .ED.	1.193	1.159

SPECIFIC BUDGET INFORMATION ON SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS

APPROPRIATION	2005 BUDGET	SENATE 2006	HOUSE 2006
Sparcity	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
Safe Schools	\$75,350,000	\$75,350,000	\$75,350,000
Bright Futures	\$311,772,580	\$333,672,580	\$352,702,906
School Recognition	\$263,449,842	\$263,449,842	\$263,449,842
Technology Enhancement	\$0	\$700,000	\$97,500,000
Voluntary Pre-K	\$387,137,762	\$387,137,762	\$394,537,762
ESE Guarantee	\$1,030,409,927	\$1,046,391,379	\$1,098,710,952
Supplemental Academic Inst.	\$670,341,490	\$682,560,269	\$733,402,526
Reading	\$89,000,000	\$111,800,000	\$95,000,000
Performance/Differentiated Pay	\$0	\$55,000,000	\$210,000,000
Class Size Reduction	\$1,507,199,696	\$2,041,800,952	\$2,008,678,078
Instructional Materials	\$247,999,489	\$266,673,588	\$266,673,588
Educational Technology	\$49,914,766	\$49,914,766	\$0
Transportation	\$451,431,961	\$469,657,290	\$496,575,157
Teacher Training	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$0
Recruitment/Retention	\$0	\$0	\$27,000,000
Just Read Florida	\$68,043,873	\$76,543,873	\$76,543,873
Education Innovations	\$7,605,269	\$10,000,000	\$17,000,000
Education Partnerships	\$6,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,000,000
Virtual Schools	\$4,800,000	\$7,200,000	\$7,000,000
Foundation Grants	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Regional Consortium services	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,750,000
Teacher Liability Insurance	\$1,330,000	\$1,330,000	\$0
Teacher Professional Dev.	\$135,227,340	\$134,936,940	\$135,237,340
Library Media	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Science Materials	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000
Sunlink	\$878,240	\$878,240	\$878,240
Total FEFP	\$16,502,937,435	\$18,282,574,039	\$17,866,062,535