

# **Emergent Design & Development Inc.**

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**October 4, 2007**

On Thursday September 27, 2007, the Senate PreK-12 Appropriations Committee and the House Policy and Budget Council met to discuss proposals for cutting the 2007-2008 State Budget. This was done in preparation for the Special Session which began Wednesday October 3, 2007.

Both the Senate and the House are taking a position which will mitigate the impact on education.

Both chambers have added \$125 Million from non-recurring funds to reduce the amount of the budget cut and they have both deferred the \$147.5 Million allocation for the Merit Award Program to next year's budget.

Those actions reduce the budget cut for education from the original \$410 Million to a much smaller \$137.5 Million.

While there is not agreement between the Houses on the priorities for this \$137.5 million, it appears that School Districts will be somewhat happy with the expected results of the Special Session.

The session will be very short in duration, with a budget expected on Monday October 8, and final vote on October 11.