

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2-A — General Appropriations

by Appropriations Committee

This bill is the General Appropriations Act, which provides moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004, to pay salaries, expenses, capital outlay – buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government.

Article V Implementation and Judiciary

- \$2.7 Million for State Attorney Workload
- \$1.4 Million for Public Defender Workload
- \$1.5 Million for Judicial Assistant Pay Equity
- \$1.2 Million to Fund the Increased Costs of the Human Resources Outsourcing Contract
- \$375,000 for Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal Repairs
- \$350,000 for Increased Staffing in the Justice Administrative Commission for Article V Funding Transition
- \$100,000 to Restore Sexual Predator Conflict Payments to Prior Year Level (Replaces Nonrecurring Funds)

Criminal Justice

- \$1.7 Million for Medicaid Fraud Control in the Department of Legal Affairs
- \$28.6 Million to Fund Operating Costs For Increased Prison Population
- \$67.7 Million to Fund the Construction of Approximately 4,000 New Prison Beds
- \$3 Million For Construction and Maintenance of Department of Corrections Facilities
- \$2.6 Million to Increase Substance Abuse Funding in the Department of Corrections
- \$9.3 Million to Address A Deficit in Inmate Health Care
- \$2.9 Million to Continue Funding the Integrated Criminal History System in the Department of Law Enforcement
- \$800,000 to Purchase Laboratory Equipment and Supplies in the Department of Law Enforcement
- \$900,000 to Provide for Per Diem Increase to Juvenile Justice Providers
- \$1.6 Million to Fund 50 New Specialized Treatment Commitment Beds and 15 Detention Beds
- CINS/FINS, PACE, and Day Treatment Funding Restored

Education

Public Schools:

- \$468.2 Million for Class Size Reduction Operating Costs and \$600 Million for Related Facilities Costs
- \$25 Million for a Nonrecurring Enhancement in Supplemental Academic Instruction Funds to School Districts to Primarily Assist Students Who Are Not Being Promoted into Third Grade Or Graduating From High School Based On FCAT Scores
- An Overall Increase in the Public School Funding Formula of \$837.4 Million, or 6.35%
- Increased Funds Per Student of \$240.80, or 4.56%
- Fully Funds Projected Enrollment Growth of 42,730 New Students
- In Addition to the \$837.4 Million, \$160 Million Is Provided to Cover Anticipated Increased FRS Contribution Requirements.
- Full Funding for the Excellent Teaching Program (\$69.5 Million, An Increase of \$20.8 Million)
- \$4.8 Million for a K-8 Virtual Education Pilot Project
- \$12.25 Million for Public School Mentoring Programs
- \$25 Million for Just Read, Florida!
- \$5.5 Million for Assistance to Low Performing Schools
- \$5.5 Million for Community Education Partnerships (CEP)
- \$25 Million for the Incentives for Districts to Implement the Teacher Career Ladder (BEST) Established in the Class Size Reduction Bill.

Student Financial Assistance:

- Full Funding for the Bright Futures Program (\$235.7 Million, An Increase of \$16.8 Million)

Community Colleges:

- \$2.4 Million for the Phase-In of New Space
- \$24 Million for Challenge Grants
- \$2.9 Million for the Phase-In of Baccalaureate Programs At Miami-Dade, Edison, St. Petersburg and Chipola Community Colleges

State Universities:

- Funds to Continue the Phase-In of :
- FAMU and FIU Law Schools – \$2 Million
- FSU Medical School – \$4.3 Million
- \$41.5 Million for Challenge Grants
- \$7.9 Million for the Phase-In of New Space

Tuition Policy:

Community Colleges:

- 7.5% Tuition Increase – Generates \$58 Million

State Universities:

- 8.5% Tuition for All Levels – Generates \$41.8 Million
- University Boards of Trustees Authorization to Further Increase Tuition By Up to 6.5% for All But In-State Undergraduate Students (Indeterminate Impact)

General Government

- Solid Waste Grants – \$6.5 Million TF (\$4 Million for Small Counties)
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants – \$3.5 Million TF
- Drinking and Wastewater Revolving Loan Programs – \$13.5 Million GR \$126.5 Million TF (Returns 5 to 1 in Federal Match)
- Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) – \$6 Million TF
- Park Development, Maintenance and Repair – \$12.6 Million TF
- Phosphate Cleanup of Mulberry and Piney Point – \$45 Million TF
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup – \$143.7 Million TF
- Beach Management – \$22.5 Million TF
- Florida Forever – \$300 Million TF – \$100 Million From P-2000/Florida Forever TF; Bond \$200 Million
- Everglades Restoration – \$200 Million TF From P-2000/Florida Forever TF
- Invasive Plant Control – \$29.4 Million TF
- Farm Share – \$200,000 GR and Food Banks – \$200,000 GR
- Sterile Insect Fly Release Program – \$1 Million GR (Federal Budget Spends Comparable Amount)
- Mosquito Control – \$1.4 Million GR
- Florida Agriculture Promotion “Fresh Florida” Campaign – \$500,000 Million GR
- Citrus Canker Eradication – \$19 Million TF; Compensation – \$1 Million GR and TF
- Automated Licensing System for Fishing and Hunting Licenses – \$1.5 Million TF
- State Portal – \$3 Million GR and Technology Help Desk – \$3.8 Million GR and TF
- Child Support Automated Management System (CAMS) – \$24 Million TF
- Transfer Excess Administrative Funds From Lottery to Educational Enhancement Trust Fund – \$20 Million TF
- Increase Transfer to Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to 39% – \$16.7 Million TF
- Florida Accounting and Information Reporting System and Cash Management Replacement (FLAIR) – \$42 Million TF

Health and Human Services

Agency for Health Care Administration:

- Medicaid Workload and Price Level – \$915.8 Million
- Florida Kidcare Program – \$400 Million
- Medically Needy Program for Adults – \$448.8 Million
- Adult Dental Emergency Services – \$6.4 Million
- Lifesaver Rx, Silver Saver Expansion, and Sunshine for Seniors – \$39 Million
- Physician Upper Payment Limit – \$33.9 Million
- Alzheimer’s Medicaid Waiver – \$5.6 Million
- Hospital Upper Payment Limit – \$105.5 Million
- Restrict Nursing Home Beds and Expand Diversion – \$35.6 Million
- Managed Care Enrollment – \$11.7 Million
- Reduce HMO Rates – (\$14.4 Million)
- Limit Kidcare Dental Benefits – \$12.7 Million
- Increase Kidcare Family Cost Sharing and Increase Co-Pays – \$13.7 Million
- Savings Related to Value-Added Contracts – \$16.0 Million
- Co-Payments for Emergency Room Use and Pharmacy – \$51.1 Million
- Maximize Use of Public Transportation – \$11 Million

Department of Children and Families:

- Child Welfare Staffing – 376 Positions and \$14.4 Million
- Adoptions Subsidies – \$14.2 Million
- Employee Retention Salary Increases and Bonuses – \$34.0 Million
- Background Checks, Quality and Legal Services – \$11.6 Million
- Prevention Initiatives – \$12.5 Million
- Mental Health Program – \$3.9 Million
- Substance Abuse Program – \$9.1 Million
- Developmental Services Program – \$86.8 Million

Department of Health:

- Tobacco Pilot Program – \$1 Million
- Children’s Medical Services – \$2.8 Million to Improve Foster Care and Child Protection

Department of Veterans’ Affairs:

- Veterans’ Nursing Homes Staffing – \$8.7 Million in General Revenue to Provide Start-Up Funding for the Two New Veterans’ Nursing Homes in Bay and Charlotte Counties.

Transportation and Economic Development

- Over \$669 Million for the School Readiness Program

- \$54.5 Million for Affordable Housing Programs and \$130.9 Million for State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP). (Continues the Current Year Recurring Funding Level for State and Local Housing Programs)
- \$197.6 Million for Federally Declared Disaster Funding
- \$66 Million for the Florida Communities Trust Program
- \$84.7 Million for Economic Development Programs in the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED), Including:
 - \$21 Million for the Qualified Targeted Industries Incentive Program
 - \$10.8 Million for Enterprise Florida
 - \$18.3 Million for VISIT FLORIDA
 - \$4.4 Million for Defense Reinvestment Grants and Military Base Protection
 - \$10 Million for Economic Development Transportation Projects
- \$3.9 Million to Implement the New Driver’s License Contract for A Secure Driver License System
- \$2.1 Million for the Elections Registration Database and \$2.9 Million for Voter Education
- \$7.6 Million for Cultural and Historic Operating Grant Programs
- \$8.3 Million to Restore Non-Recurring State Aid to Libraries Funding
- \$2.2 Million for the Historic Preservation Fixed Capital Outlay Priority List
- \$3.1 Million for Library Construction Grant Priority List
- \$5.5 Billion for the Department of Transportation Work Program
- \$10 Million for Seaport Infrastructure and Security
- \$12.1 Million to Implement Florida’s High Speed Rail System

State Employee Pay and Benefits

Salary Increases:

- 2% Competitive Pay Increase, Effective December 1, 2003.
 - Minimum Annualized Increase of \$500.
 - Maximum Annualized Increase of \$1,400.
- Agencies May Use Up to .25% of Initial Approved Salary Rate for Discretionary Lump Sum Performance Bonuses for Permanent Employees.

Health Insurance:

- On December 1, 2003, State Employee Health Insurance Premiums Will Increase.
- The State Will Continue to Pay the Same Percentage Share of the Total New Health Insurance Premiums.
- The Employee’s Share of Health Insurance Premiums Will Be:

	July 1–Nov 30	Dec 1
Individual Coverage	\$41.96/Month	\$48.67/Month
Family Coverage	\$150.98/Month	\$175.14/Month

Some Employee Health Insurance Out of Pocket Costs Will Increase. See Section 8.2.D Through G of the Conference Report On SB 2-A, for Specifics.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 27-13; House 78-38

BILLS IMPLEMENTING GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

SB 4-A — Appropriations Implementing

by Appropriations Committee

Section 1: Provides legislative intent.

Education Provisions

Section 2: Allows the state universities to use the state accounting system without providing funds to Department of Financial Services. Requires all funds appropriated to state universities for FY 2003-2004 to be distributed according to a budget approved by the university board of trustees. Requires university boards of trustees to include certain trust fund revenues within operating budget, including funds supported by student and other fees and funds within the Contracts, Grants, and Donations, Auxiliary Enterprises, and Sponsored Research budget entities. Gives each university board control of its operating budget. Provides for journal transfers of appropriations to university accounts.

Section 3: Authorizes school districts to use motor fuel tax in excess of road needs for student transportation (could include public hearing or board determination).

Section 4: Authorizes the Department of Education to conduct a pilot program in used textbooks in Hernando, Pasco, Seminole, and Polk counties.

Sections 5 and 6: Allows the Department of Financial Services to provide a state university certain otherwise confidential information relating to direct deposit authorization.

Sections 7 and 8: Clarifies that employees of the state university system are eligible to participate in the deferred compensation program.

Sections 9 and 10: Clarifies that the state universities may participate in the consolidated financing program.

Sections 11 and 12: Clarifies that the state universities are deemed self-insurers for purposes of workers' compensation.

Section 13: Establishes the Florida Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Section 14: Allows FAMU to implement a demonstration project using private developers to finance, construct, and lease a replacement building for the Commons Building on the university campus.

Section 15: Allows Chipola and Miami-Dade Community Colleges to be known as Colleges when awarding certain baccalaureate degrees.

Section 16: Transfers certain lands from University of Florida IFAS to Florida Atlantic University to expand academic programs.

Sections 17 and 18: Allows school boards to make payments toward the costs school buses owned by certain student transportation contract providers from discretionary non-voted 2 mill capital outlay funds.

Section 19: Restricts the use of certain grant funds for school districts with high growth student enrollment and provides a methodology for calculating grants.

Health and Human Services Provisions

Sections 20 and 21: Requires Department of Elder Affairs to fund more than one community care service system in counties meeting the definition of a "county" in s. 125.011(1), F.S.

Section 22: Allows Department of Children and Family Services to transfer funds within the Family Safety Program between specified appropriations without limitation.

Section 23: Allows funds in the Children and Adolescent Substance Abuse Trust Fund to be used for adult substance abuse services.

Section 24: Extends for one year the \$5 surcharge on new system construction permits that support onsite sewage treatment and disposal system research, demonstration, and training projects through the Department of Health.

Section 25: Allows funds from the Epilepsy Services Trust Fund to be used for epilepsy case management services.

Sections 26 and 27: Allows lump sum funding in the Department of Children and Family Services to provide for continuity of foster care under certain circumstances.

Section 28: Allows all new funds for substance abuse and mental health services in excess of prior year recurring appropriations to be allocated pursuant to the General Appropriations Act, but no district may receive less than its current budget.

Section 29: Limits the 10 percent transfer authority of the Department of Children and Family Services to transfer authority specifically appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 30: Requires the Department of Health to disburse brain and spinal cord research funds quarterly.

Public Safety Provisions

Section 31: Allows Florida Department of Law Enforcement to transfer up to 20 FTE and associated budget and 10 percent of the initial approved salary rate between budget entities.

Section 32: Allows the Correctional Privatization Commission to make expenditures to defray costs incurred by a municipality or county for privatized facilities.

Section 33: Allows funds from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used for expenses of the Department of Legal Affairs.

Section 34: Provides that funds provided in operating appropriations categories in Department of Juvenile Justice shall not be expended for fixed capital outlay.

Section 35: Allows the Executive Office of the Governor to request additional positions during FY 2003-2004 for the Department of Corrections if the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference projects a certain increase in the inmate population.

Section 36: Allows Department of Law Enforcement to transfer up to 0.5 percent of certain appropriations to provide meritorious performance bonuses for employees.

Section 37: Allows a municipality to use its special law enforcement trust fund to reimburse loans from the municipality's general fund.

General Government Provisions

Section 38: Requires the Department of Management Services to operate the executive aircraft pool on a full-cost recovery basis during FY 2003-2004 and to deposit funds into the Bureau of Aircraft Trust Fund to cover the normal operation of the executive aircraft pool.

Section 39: Increases the pharmacy copayments required under the state employee health insurance program.

Sections 40 through 43: Allows additional (non-aggregated) purchase of retirement credits.

Section 44: Sets the salary adjustment for the salaries of members of the Legislature at 2 percent for FY 2003-2004.

Section 45: Provides that the budget for the Council for Educational Policy Research and Improvement shall be administered by the Auditor General. The Council retains its independence for programmatic purposes.

Section 46: Grants the Executive Office of the Governor authority to transfer certain funds between agencies for the purpose of Risk Management Insurance.

Section 47: Grants the Executive Office of the Governor authority to transfer certain funds between agencies for the purpose of human resource outsourcing.

Section 48: Extends to June 30, 2004, the scheduled expiration of the Department of Management Service's duty to determine premiums necessary to fund state employees' health insurance program.

Section 49: Prohibits the payment of certain Class C travel reimbursement for state travelers.

Section 50: Requires that talent agency license fees be set at an amount sufficient to cover the costs of regulation.

Section 51: Allows expenditures from Nonmandatory Land Reclamation Trust Fund for phosphogypsum stack cleanup in excess of statutory \$50 million cap.

Section 52: Requires intensive planning for integration of central administrative and financial management information systems (FLAIR, CMS, LAS/PBS, SPURS, COPES, SUNTAX).

Section 53: Allows the Florida Citrus Commission to reduce the citrus box tax with a majority vote.

Section 54: Allows each county to retain hunting/fishing fees until the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission automated licensing system is implemented in that county.

Sections 55 and 56: Allows \$1.5 million in Nonmandatory Land Reclamation Trust Fund moneys to guarantee brownfield area loans.

Section 57: Requires, rather than allows, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide notice of removal of citrus trees to the owner of the property.

Section 58: Specifies that to be eligible for compensation for residential citrus trees removed as part of the state's citrus canker eradication program, individuals must be the homeowners at the time the trees are removed, and reduces the amount of compensation provided for each tree from \$100 to \$55.

Section 59: Expands the use of the funds allocated to the Relocation and Construction Trust Fund as provided in the General Appropriations Act.

Sections 60 through 65: Reduces consumer complaint processing responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 66: Allows \$8 million of Florida Forever appropriation to be allocated to the South Florida Water Management District outside the statutory distribution formula to offset a 2002 veto.

Section 67: Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to award solid waste management grants in equal amounts to small counties, waste tire grants to large counties on a per capita basis, and competitive innovative grants to certain cities and counties.

Section 68: Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to contract with the Department of Transportation for the construction of an agricultural interdiction station in Escambia County and to execute resulting contracts consistent with the provisions of chapter 337, F.S.

Section 69: Prohibits the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from regulating certain employees of aerospace industries as Professional Engineers.

Sections 70 and 71: Requires the Department of Revenue to provide certain tax forms to only counties with a population of 100,000 or fewer.

Transportation and Economic Development Provisions

Section 72: Allows funds from the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund to be used as provided in the General Appropriations Act, and allows certain unspent funds to be transferred to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund as the state portion of the match for federal disaster projects.

Section 73: Allows the Agency for Workforce Innovation to administer and implement the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship program. The program provides educational scholarships to caregivers and administrators of early childhood programs, and family day care homes.

Section 74: Provides that school readiness programs provide priority for placement to children from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) families and subject to federal work requirements.

Section 75: Provides for certain transportation projects approved by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development in previous years to be subject to reversion.

Section 76: Allows proceeds from the Professional Sports Development Trust Fund to be used for operational expenses of the Florida Sports Foundation and financial support of the Sunshine State Games.

Section 77: Allows the transfer of \$200 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to the General Appropriations Act and provides that the amount transferred will not be included for certain statutory calculations.

Sections 78 and 79: Continues the Passport to Economic Progress demonstration project and expands the demonstration project to include Sarasota County.

Section 80: Extends from December 2003 to July 2004 the scheduled repeal date of ss. 288.9511, 288.9515 and 288.9517, F. S., relating to Enterprise Florida, Inc., technology development activities.

Section 81: Permits funds in the Brownfield Property Ownership Clearance Assistance Revolving Loan Trust Fund to be used for military base protection and rural defense grants.

Article V Implementation and Judiciary

Section 82: Requires a report on costs of court-related services provided by the counties; provides specific requirements; provides for reimbursement of certain expenses.

Section 83: Requires additional revenues from the tax collection enforcement diversion program to be used for the personal care attendant pilot program and for state attorney contracts.

Sections 84 through 90: Provides that the duties of capital collateral regional counsel for the northern region will be met through a pilot project using registry attorneys.

Section 91: Repeals the demonstration project for attorney ad litem. Corrects the date to transfer the guardian ad litem program.

Standard Provisions

Section 92: Specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

Section 93: Provides for a permanent change made by another law to any of the same statutes amended by this bill to take precedence over the provision in this bill.

Section 94: Provides that the performance measures and standards, filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference and will be applied to programs for FY 2003-2004.

Section 95: Provides a severability clause.

Section 96: Provides that a permanent change made by another law in the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature to any of the same statutes amended by this bill be given equal precedence to the provision in this bill.

Section 97: Provides an effective date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 37-3; House 77-38

CS/SB 8-A — Trust Funds

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Pruitt

This bill continues, on a permanent basis, the one-year trust fund changes made by Chapter 2002-402, L.O.F., the law implementing the 2002-2003 General Appropriations Act. Those changes increased the General Revenue service charge for some trust funds and required that more of the interest earned on the balances of some trust funds be deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 78-38

SB 10-A — Criminal History Records

by Senator Crist

This bill increases fees for criminal history background checks by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The current fee is \$15 for each records check, with the exception of background checks for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF), Department of Elder Affairs (DEA), and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), which is \$8.

The new fee structure will increase the fee to \$23 per name submitted, except the fee for vendors of DCF, DEA, and DJJ, which will remain \$8. In addition, the fee collected for a criminal history background check required by law to be performed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will remain \$15. The state offices of the Public Defender will continue not to

be charged a fee for criminal history information or wanted person information. Also, local and state law enforcement will continue not to be charged a fee.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 36-4; House 77-38

SB 12-A — Public Employees Relations Commission

by Senator Clary

The conference report transfers \$1.4 million to the Public Employee Relation Commission Trust Fund from the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program. This is to offset the current state General Revenue subsidy for funding the Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC).

Small counties, population of 100,000 and under, are held harmless. (\$60,000 of the Half-cent Sales Tax is redirected to small counties to offset their losses.)

This reduction in city and county revenue sharing is based on an OPPAGA report that cities and counties represent 60 percent of repeat PERC users over the last three years.

Despite the changes in this bill, cities and counties will be paying less than 50 percent of the operating cost for PERC.

The provisions relating to ad valorem tax forms are no longer included in the bill.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 77-38

SB 16-A — Trust Funds/Termination

by Senator Webster

This bill terminates the Coconut Grove Playhouse Trust Fund, the Corporations Trust Fund, and the Public Access Data Systems Trust Fund in the Department of State and the Turnpike Controlled Access Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation.

Corporate filing fees currently deposited in the Corporations Trust Fund are redirected to the General Revenue Fund. Since the majority of the corporate filing fee revenues already go into the General Revenue Fund, this provides for consistent treatment of these revenues. Although revenues are redirected to the General Revenue Fund, cultural and historical programs in the Department of State which are currently funded through corporate filing fees are *not* terminated *nor* are the trust funds that support them (Cultural Institutions Trust Fund and Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund).

This bill directs the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to convey the Coconut Grove Playhouse via quitclaim deed to the Coconut Grove Playhouse, Inc.

This bill authorizes the use of administrative services of the Division of Historical Resources by citizen support organizations and directs the annual use fees from the Florida Arts specialty license plate to county-designated arts councils instead of the Department of State.

Finally, this bill specifies that ranked projects under the Department of State's library, historical, and cultural grants programs which are not funded in FY 2003-2004 will maintain their relative ranking for funding and receive priority ranking over new projects in the FY 2004-2005 grant cycle.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 33-6; House 75-40

SB 22-A — Health Care

by Senators Peaden and Dawson

This bill makes the following changes to health care programs that are required in order to implement the proposed General Appropriations Act for FY 2003-2004.

- Continues nursing facility lease bond alternatives and removes the June 30, 2003 sunset.
- Delays the certified nursing assistant staffing increase from January 1, 2004 to May 1, 2004.
- Revises training requirements for administrators and staff of assisted living facilities and adult family-care home providers.
- Revises purchasing options related to health flex plans and extends the expiration date to July 1, 2008.
- Implements a maximum annual dental benefit of \$750 per enrollee in the Florida KidCare program.
- Revises the definition of "third-party" for purposes of the Medicaid program to include a third party administrator or a pharmacy benefits manager.
- Restores the Medically Needy Program and removes language that prohibits Medicaid from reimbursing expenses to meet spend down liability.
- Eliminates Medicaid coverage of Adult Visual and Hearing Services.
- Establishes the Lifesaver Rx discount drug program for seniors.
- Authorizes a program related to returning unused unit-dose packaged medications.
- Requires Medicaid recipients to pay a \$15 copayment for non-emergency use of a hospital emergency department.
- Requires a coinsurance of 2.5 percent of the Medicaid cost of prescription drugs not to exceed \$7.50 per prescription purchased.
- Revises the formulas for distributing disproportionate share hospital payments.

- Removes the limit on the number of Medicaid provider service networks.
- Provides for a utilization management program for therapies.
- Authorizes Medicaid prepaid dental health plans to provide dental services.
- Revises the Medicaid program enrollment goal for managed care to 60 percent managed care and 40 percent MediPass.
- Revises the requirements for enrollment of children in pediatric emergency room diversion programs and certain managed prepaid health plans in Miami-Dade County.
- Creates the Sunshine for Seniors Program to assist low-income seniors with obtaining prescription drugs from manufacturers' pharmaceutical assistance programs.
- Revises the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract requirements and membership of the board of directors of the corporation.
- Repeals the automatic repeal of the KidCare Act when certain federal triggers are reached.
- Authorizes additional payments to public hospitals to maximize payments under the Upper Payment Limit for FY 2002-03.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0

SB 24-A — Transportation Department

by Senator Webster

This bill includes statutory modifications necessary to implement budget decisions contained in the Conference Report on the General Appropriations Act. The bill:

- Authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of financing or refinancing the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of projects eligible to receive state-funded infrastructure bank assistance.
- Clarifies that FDOT may use bond proceeds from the Beeline-East Expressway, Sunshine Skyway Bridge, Navarre Bridge, and Pinellas Bayway not only for improvements for the respective toll facility itself, but also for other transportation improvements within the county or counties in which the toll facility is located.
- Increases the amount of bonds allowed to be issued to fund approved turnpike projects from \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion.
- Provides for limited exceptions to the cap on projects or project phases not included in the adopted work program that may be advanced with local funds and subsequently reimbursed by the department.

- Creates a process for the development, review, and implementation of environmental mitigation requirements related to the construction of local government transportation infrastructure.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 39-1; House 114-0

CS/SB 26-A — Driver's Licenses

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Webster

This bill increases fees for identification cards and the reinstatement of suspended and revoked licenses; and creates new fees for each retake of the knowledge portion and the skills portion of the driver's exam after failure of the initial exam.

Identification Cards

Fees for new or renewal identification cards are increased from \$3 to \$10 and fees for replacement cards are increased from \$2.50 to \$10. Based on projected usage, it is estimated that this would generate approximately \$521,503 for the General Revenue Fund and \$4.8 million for the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund in FY 2003-2004.

Reinstatement of Suspended and Revoked Licenses

The fee for the reinstatement of suspended licenses is increased from \$25 to \$35 and the fee for the reinstatement of revoked licenses is increased from \$50 to \$60; however, if the revocation or suspension was for a violation of driving under the influence laws or for refusal to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test, the reinstatement fee is increased from \$105 to \$115. Based on projected usage, it is estimated that this would generate approximately \$2.9 million for the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund in FY 2003-2004.

Examination Retakes

New fees of \$5 for each retake of the knowledge portion of the drivers' exam and \$10 for each retake of the skills portion of the drivers' exam after failure of the initial exam are created. Based on projected usage, it is estimated that this would generate approximately \$3.7 million for the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund in FY 2003-2004.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 38-2; House 107-8

SB 28-A — Educational Enhancement Trust Fund

by Senator Lynn

This bill increases the percentage of gross revenue from the sale of on-line lottery tickets and other lottery revenues deposited to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund from 38 percent to 39 percent. The Lottery Estimating Conference estimates an additional \$16.7 million will be deposited to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund during FY 2003-2004.

Additionally, this bill clarifies the revenue sources available to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2003.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 114-0

