

2004-2005 Budget Highlights



General Appropriations Act to be presented to the Governor

State Board of Education

May 18, 2004

2004-05 Budget Highlights Conference Report on HB 1835

- On Friday, April 30, 2004 the Legislature passed the Conference Report on HB 1835, the 2004-05 General Appropriations Bill. Summary highlights from the budget are listed below. For more detail, the complete budget is available via the internet at:
- <http://www.myfloridahouse.com/custFiles/gaa/2004/appbills/confrept.pdf>



Operating Budget

- The \$15.9 Billion in General Revenue, Lottery, and Other Trust Funds appropriated for Florida education provides operating resources for the State to continue along the path of access and excellence for all students. The increase in appropriations is \$954.2 million.



K-12 Education



- Funding in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for 58,896 new students - total to be served 2,615,127.
- For funding for the FEFP, in state and local revenue of \$15.1 billion; an increase for 2004-05 of \$1.025 billion or 7.30%.
- FEFP funds per student will be \$5,764.40; an increase of \$268.56 or 4.89%.

K-12 Education



- Total funding provided for year two implementation of the Class Size Reduction Constitutional Amendment: \$978.8 million; an increase of \$510.6 million.
- Policy discussions about the cost of living adjustment in the FEFP; referred to as the District Cost Differential (DCD), and the Sparsity Supplement for small school districts.
- \$21.2 million in non-recurring non-FEFP funds (from the sales and gasoline tax holiday limits) appropriated for school districts whose increase in FEFP funds were negatively affected by a change in the DCD.

K-12 Education



- Just Read, Florida! \$90.7 million appropriated: an increase of \$15 million. Also in the FEFP \$25 million was provided to continue the “summer reading camps” in 2004-05. An additional \$7.9 million was conditionally authorized for Just Read, Florida! in the appropriation for the Florida Information Resource Network (FIRN) (contingency plan).
- The School Recognition Program is continued and provides individual schools with \$100 per student for sustained superior performance (school grade of A) and for increase in performance by a school letter grade from one year to the next (estimated \$140 to \$160 million).

K-12 Education



- Mentoring/Student Assistance funds increased \$3.2 million for total funding of \$15.5 million. There are 13 organizations listed in the appropriations bill to receive these funds.
- Virtual Education remained. FEFP funds for the Virtual High School are \$13.4 million; an increase of \$4.1 million. The K-8 Virtual Education Pilot Program was funded at \$4.6 million; \$3.8 million for continuation and \$0.8 million for grade 6-8 curriculum development.

Workforce Education Programs



- An \$18.5 million appropriation for workforce funds for the adult disabled was transferred to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Workforce Administered Funds for school districts were increased by \$9.8 million to a total of \$388.7 million.
- Tuition for both school district and community college workforce programs were increased by 5%.



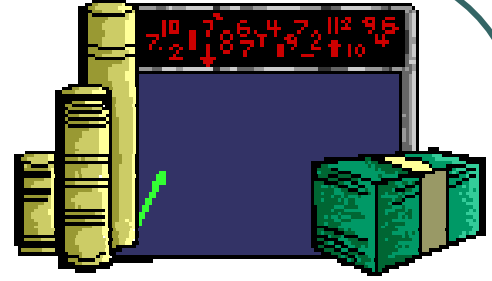
Community Colleges

- Funded the 2003-04 enrollment of 299,143 students at \$4,649 per FTE.
- The total state appropriated operating funds for the Colleges was \$1.021 billion; a net increase of \$93.4 million.



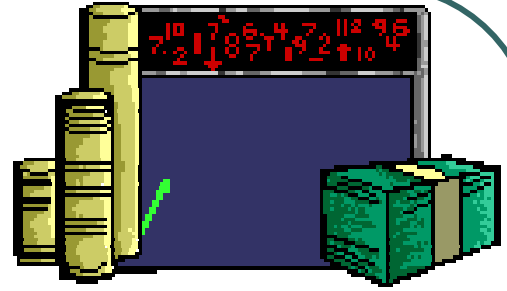
Community Colleges

- The Matching Grants were fully funded at \$50.8 million which funds the backlog through February 1, 2004.
- Funding for Baccalaureate Degree Programs was \$7.8 million; an increase of \$3 million.
- Boards of Trustees are authorized to increase college tuition by 5% and are required to increase workforce education fees by 5%.



State Universities

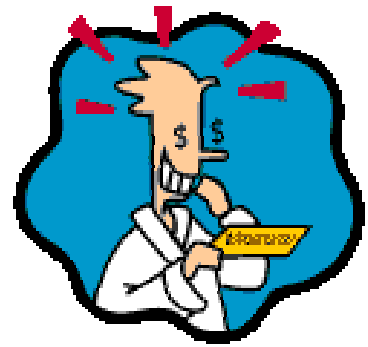
- Appropriation funds enrollment growth of 11,496 students which equates to \$61.5 million of the \$110 million increase in Education and General Activities funds.
- University Challenge (matching) Grants funded the backlog through December 31, 2003.
- The total state appropriated operating funds are \$2.2 billion.



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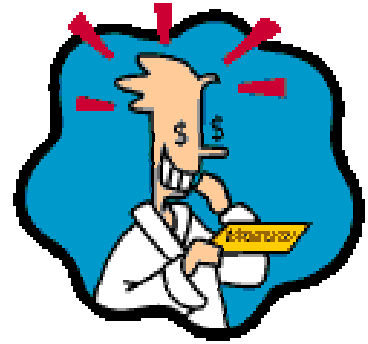
- Tuition for in-state undergraduates will increase by 7.5% and for out of state undergraduates, professional, and graduates the increase will be 12.5%. The University Board of Trustees will have the authority to further increase nonresident tuition up to 2.5% for any level of instruction. This additional revenue authorized by the fee increase will generate \$58.5 million.
- \$1.6 million in Education and General Activities funds for Florida Center for Reading Research. The Center is a statewide resource for schools to receive assistance with implementation of scientifically based reading methods.

Student Financial Aid



- The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, lottery funded merit based scholarships, were fully funded at \$269.2 million; an increase of \$33.5 million.
- The Florida Student Assistance Grants (FSAG), need based financial aid, were increased by \$5 million. The total of \$93.9 million included restoration of \$20 million in the prior year non-recurring appropriation.

Student Financial Aid



- Florida Resident Access Grants (FRAG) which provides tuition assistance for qualified Florida residents enrolled in Florida private colleges and universities were funded at \$79.8 million for 33,700 students at \$2,369.17 per student; an increase of \$118.09 or 5.25% over current year funding.
- Funded for the first time were the ABLE (Access to Better Learning and Education) Grants which provide tuition assistance to students enrolled in Florida for-profit colleges and universities. The appropriation was for \$1.8 million to support 1,200 students at \$1,500 per student.

Other Education Programs



- Funding for the State Student Assessment (testing) Program (Assessment and Evaluation) was budgeted at \$66.3 million; an increase of \$9.2 million. Included in the appropriation is \$1.6 million for the statewide administration to all tenth grade students of the preliminary SAT or ACT college entrance examinations.

Other Education Programs



- Vocational Rehabilitation was appropriated an additional \$23.4 million for total funding of \$188 million.
- Blind Services was appropriated an additional \$1.9 million for total funding of \$41.1 million.
- State Board of Education funding increased by \$13.6 million, for a total appropriated amount of \$202.3 million.

Fixed Capital Outlay Budget



- The \$282.6 million Maintenance, Renovation and Repair PECO and General Revenue appropriation provides \$194.6 million for school districts, \$23.4 million for community colleges, and \$33.8 million for state universities. Also included is \$30.7 million in General Revenue Funds of which \$27.7 million is for Charter Schools and \$3 million is for development of a performing arts charter school.
- \$100 million in General Revenue funds were appropriated for capital outlay expenses associated with implementation of the class size reduction constitutional amendment.

Fixed Capital Outlay Budget



- Specific capital outlay projects:
Community Colleges \$210.2 million and
for State Universities \$288.6 million.
- Both the Community College and State
University facilities matching grants
programs were funded from the General
Revenue Fund. The Community College
Facilities Matching Program was
provided with \$22.4 million and the
University System Facility Enhancement
Challenge Grants was funded at \$18.2
million.
- Eight projects in seven small school
districts are eligible to be funded from
the Special Facility Construction
Account. The total appropriation for the
projects was \$71.4 million.

Sector Comparison



	2004-05 State Board Request	2004-05 General Appropriations Act
K-12 Education	11,267,140,313	11,252,818,036
Community Colleges	1,002,832,312	1,020,690,250
University System	2,159,615,925	2,185,235,347