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## Senate Committee on Education Facilities Appropriations

### **CS/SB 1060 — Educational Facilities**

by Education Facilities Appropriations Committee and Senator King

This bill eliminates the requirement that \$105 million of recurring documentary stamp tax revenues be transferred to the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund to be used for the Classrooms for Kids Program and the High Growth County District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program. Nonrecurring appropriations, instead of recurring transfers, may be used to fund fixed capital outlay for these programs.

The bill also amends s. 203.01(1)(c), F.S., to speed up receipts of gross receipts utility tax revenues by advancing the remit date from the last day of the month to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. This action provides a one-time increase in funds available to be appropriated for public education capital outlay.

Finally, the bill revises s. 1013.64(1)(a) and (3)(a), F.S., to provide that, in calculating funds for public education capital outlay purposes, modular noncombustible facilities shall have a 35-year life. In addition, a school district's capital outlay FTE shall be comprised of K-12 students for whom the district provides educational facilities.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2007.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 119-0*

### **SB 1064 — Facility Enhancement Challenge Grants Programs**

by Education Facilities Appropriations Committee and Senator King

This bill streamlines the administrative process for the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program and updates the statutes to conform to current administrative practices. The bill requires each university to maintain a separate account for private matching funds and eliminates the transfer of private match funds from universities to the state Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund. This trust fund, which has not received state match appropriations in recent years, will no longer be a repository of private matching funds. The bill terminates the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund on July 1, 2009.

The bill also requires unneeded or reverted funds to be returned to the fund from which appropriated for both the Courtelis Matching Grant Program and the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2007.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0*

