



## Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2009

Legislative Update

Item **IV. D.**

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<b>Recommended Action:</b>	<b>Information Only</b>
<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Session Wrap-Up</b>
<b>Strategic Plan Goal:</b>	<b>Increase the efficiency of JWB's work</b>

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### Session Update

The extended session adjourned on May 8, 2009. While legislation still awaits the Governor's review, he has approved SB 2600, the General Appropriations Act, with the following vetoes:

1. The 2% pay cut to 28,000 state employees with salaries over \$45,000\*
2. The transfer of \$6 million from the Licensing Trust Fund to General Revenue.

The implementation of the state's FY 2009-10 budget will begin July 1, 2009.

Attached please find the [Legislative Link](#) 2009 Session Wrap-up Edition (Vol. XVIII, Issue 9), published by the United Way of Florida. This newsletter details passage of the Kid Care legislation (pg. 2) and summarizes bills that passed and failed during the session.

Specific to HB 381, *Care of Children* (pg 4), a late-filed amendment to this bill made significant changes to the children's zone legislation passed in 2008. The amendment changes Children's *zones* to Children's *initiatives* due to the recent copyright of the phrase "Children's Zone" by the Harlem Children's Zone®. In addition, the Department of Children and Families will be responsible for the Miami Children's Initiative, Inc. project under a contract with the Ounce of Prevention Florida for implementation of this and other Children's initiative designations.

\*Directing state agencies to utilize budget transfer authority under section 216.292, F.S. and encouraging holding positions vacant, reducing or eliminating non-essential travel and purchases.