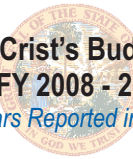


# Governor Crist's Budget Priorities FY 2008 - 2009

*Dollars Reported in Millions*



## Final Appropriation INCREASES

### Education

Teacher Merit Award Program

32.0

*Subtotal*

**32.0**

### Energy

Florida Energy Systems Consortium

50.0

Solar, Wind and Other Renewables

20.5

Biofuels: Ethanol and Biodiesel

8.0

*Subtotal*

**78.5**

### Economic Development

Quick Action Closing Fund

46.4

Film & Entertainment Incentive

5.0

Affordable Housing—Down-Payment &  
Closing Cost Assistance

22.5

*Subtotal*

**73.9**

### Health and Human Services

KidCare Enrollment

28.8

Adoption

15.0

All-in-One Case Management Devices

10.0

*Subtotal*

**53.8**

### Public Safety

Prison Construction/Operations/Health Services

423.7

*Subtotal*

**423.7**

**Grand Total:**

**\$661.9**

# **Governor Crist's Legislative/Budget Priorities**

## **Health Care**

- Health care for the uninsured
- \$354 mil – Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund
- Certificate of Need reform – more competition
- Dental care – address shortage of dentists

## **Environment**

- Green energy package
- Florida Forever - \$318 mil
- Everglades restoration funding - \$50 mil
- Cleaner Atlantic – Dade, Broward, Palm Beach - millions of gallons of treated domestic wastewater every day

## **Education**

- Teacher pay – teacher bonuses, \$32 mil – National certification, \$52 mil
- Middle school PE – and elementary
- 65% - Truth in Spending (TBRC)
- Relax FCAT in school grades

## **Foreclosure safeguards**

- New protections for homeowners facing foreclosure – information in writing
- Tougher penalties

## **Justice**

- Alan Crotzer
- Claims Bills – Marissa Amora, Brian Daiagi, Lisa Freeman-Salazar and Andy Salazar, Adrian Fuentes
- 10,200 new prison beds

## **Common sense**

- Jack Davis – food from restaurants

## **Property taxes**

- 2007 legislation/Amendment 1 – Down \$25 bil over 5 years
- Voters have chance to decide to lower more (TBRC)

## **Property insurance**

- Citizens rate freeze
- Transparency in the rate development