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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents  
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FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner

DATE: June 10, 2008

**SUBJECT: 2008 Regular Legislative Session Update**

Since the close of session, the Department of Education (DOE) has been compiling information on the resulting legislation and budget. In lieu of the regional update meetings this year, the Department has posted online at [www.fldoe.org/gr](http://www.fldoe.org/gr) information which includes overview presentations from staff, the 2008 Legislative Review Book, and an overview chart of all of the bills. These materials may be helpful as you review the actions taken during this past legislative session. In addition, staff will be attending conferences across the state to provide targeted information.

### **Summary of the available resources:**

#### **Legislative Review Book**

This book contains summaries of education-related legislation, including the budget, passed this session. The overview chart will provide up-to-date information on when a bill is signed into law.

#### **Presentations**

These presentations are an overview of important legislation to the Department of Education that passed during the 2008 legislative session. Department staff provided these presentations at an internal meeting and they were taped and are also available on the Web site.

**DOE 2008 Session Legislative Implementation Overview Chart**

This chart lists the education-related bills that have passed during the 2008 legislative session. It is updated regularly to reflect the final actions taken by the Governor (i.e. Signed the bill into law). Under “Additional Information,” a department contact is listed for each bill and this is where any information provided by the department will be available, for example memoranda, technical assistance papers, or reports related to that legislation. Also included in this chart is a link to the final bill text and the DOE bill summary.

For additional information, division contacts are listed on the site for each bill or you can contact Carrie Fraser, Director of Governmental Relations by phone at (850) 245-0507 or by e-mail at [legislation@fldoe.org](mailto:legislation@fldoe.org).