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# The Governor's Budget

Governor Jeb Bush is proposing that the State furnish another \$139 million in tax breaks and reserve \$3 billion for future revenues while many Florida families will be asked to struggle harder to find affordable housing and do without medical services for their children.

## Health Care for Florida's Children

Title XXI of the Social Security Act established the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in 1997. The Program allocates billions of federal matching dollars to the states for the expansion of health care for uninsured children. The Florida KidCare Program--currently serving over 1.5 million children<sup>1</sup>—utilizes these dollars to help fund a number of programs, one of which is Florida Healthy Kids, for children ages five through eighteen. The 1990 Florida Legislature established this public-private initiative to help families who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to pay their children's health care costs on their own. For example, a family of four can qualify for the program if it makes no more than \$36,800 annually. Healthy Kids acts as a quasi-single payer financing mechanism by aggregating local, state, federal and family funds to pay premiums to commercial health plans, which assume the insurance risk. A family's premium can be as low as \$15 a month, and most of the cost is paid by the federal government. Florida's Healthy Kids Program is a 14-year-old successful prototype for a federal program copied in all other states.

KidCare takes a managed-care approach to provide a full range of medical services to children, including doctor visits, check-ups, immunization, in-patient hospital care, surgery, prescription drugs, vision, hearing, behavioral health services, and emergency care. In addition to the Healthy Kids Program, Florida KidCare offers these services through three other programs:

- Medicaid for children from birth through 18 (eligibility determined by income);
- MediKids for children ages 1 through 4; and

- Children's Medical Services Network for children from birth through 18 who have special behavioral or physical health needs or ongoing medical conditions.

The Governor has proposed \$3.2 billion for KidCare in FY2004-05, which will take 10,500 children off its waiting list for health services and represents a nearly 7 percent increase to the Program's funding level since FY2003-04. That amount, however, will not help the 60,500 children from low-income families who will remain on the waiting list.

In that approximately \$23 million in additional dollars would effectively eliminate the KidCare waiting list through June 2004, democratic legislators responded quickly to the Governor's budget with a news conference of their own. They called for a special session on the issue and appeared with 52 petitions--more than the 20 percent required by law--to make the Secretary of State poll the Florida Legislature by mail on their willingness to participate in a special session on the Healthy Kids budget. Ninety-six out of the 160 legislators must say yes in order to schedule the special session, but this was not achieved. Governor Bush responded that the state was already seeking the maximum allowance of federal money for Healthy Kids, although unused funding from other states will likely become available to Florida. That, coupled with an anticipated, positive revenue forecast in March may give Florida several million dollars more to work with than previously thought. Bush acknowledged that, were that to happen, the Legislature would look "for ways to lessen that impact."

Anecdotally, the story we hear all the time is that the cost is so prohibitive for a family that they would have to make a choice between groceries or insurance coverage.

— Jennifer Kiser Lloyd, *External Affairs Director for Florida Healthy Kids*

## Affordable Housing: Will Florida lose what the Sadowski Act promised?

Decent, affordable housing close to vital resources is still hard to come by for many working people in Florida: Approximately 700,000 low-income Floridians pay more than 50 percent of their income towards housing. Over 72,600 people in the state are homeless, of which families with children comprise 40 percent.<sup>2</sup>

- In 1988, Florida enacted its State Housing Strategy, which set out a straightforward goal to ensure that all Floridians would have decent and affordable housing by the year 2010.
- Under this statute, Florida Impact joined a large coalition that fought for and won a state trust fund dedicated to affordable housing, known as the William E. Sadowski Act of 1992.
- The Sadowski Act dedicates 70 percent of its revenue from a 20-cent documentary tax to local governments through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program, which allows each community to identify its housing needs and design a successful program. The other 30 percent goes to the state to fund programs such as the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL), which provides incentives for the development of affordable rental housing units.

**The Sadowski Act works!** The Florida Legislature has reviewed the effectiveness of the Sadowski Act time and time again. Each time, researchers find that the program successfully meets its goals of giving low-income people better access to the decent housing they need.

- Last year, the Sadowski Act provided approximately 15,000 single- and multi-family units that low-income people could afford to rent and own. More than 100,000 families have been helped with affordable home ownership and/or rental so far.
- The trust fund successfully provides quality rental housing with programs for moving residents to home ownership. With

each housing unit, 5 percent of a tenant's total rent during his or her time in the apartment is saved as a down payment. That percentage is then redistributed to the tenant once he or she is ready to buy a home. The House Select Committee on Affordable Housing is expected to make this home ownership savings plan a law this year.

- Finally, the Sadowski Trust Fund boosts Florida's economy with money that far surpasses the state's funding for housing by effectively combining private investment with public dollars at a ratio of 7:1. This not only enhances production for the private sector, it saves the state money. Home-builders and realtors alike support the Sadowski Act because it creates jobs and home ownership.

**The Trust Fund Under Fire.** Despite its proven effectiveness and its promise of dedicated funding, the Sadowski Trust Fund has been the object of budget revenue raids in the last and this coming legislative session.

- In the last fiscal year, state funding for affordable housing decreased by \$54.4 million, or 22 percent of the total funding from the year before.
- The Governor also shifted more than \$100 million dollars from the Sadowski Trust Fund to General Revenue in order to prevent an early deficit in Florida. This cut resulted in the loss of approximately 8,800 units, over \$1 billion of economic activity, and over 19,000 jobs.<sup>3</sup>
- This year, the Governor's budget proposes to sweep another \$166.7 million from the Housing Trust Fund to General Revenue.

*The Lord rises to argue his case; He stands to judge the peoples. The Lord enters into judgment with the elders and princes of his people. "It is you who have devoured the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What do you mean by crushing my people, by grinding the face of the poor" says the Lord God of hosts.*

*Isaiah 3:13-15*

## Why does Florida lack affordable housing for low-income people?

**Insufficient Incomes and Expensive Housing:** As housing costs skyrocket in this state, affordable housing becomes a relevant issue to people who earn varying levels of income. Yet, low-income people represent the largest segment of Florida's population that pays more than 50 percent of its income towards rent. Currently, the wage a person must earn in order to afford the average two-bedroom apartment in Florida is \$14.26 an hour, or 277 percent of the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour.<sup>4</sup> This earning level jumped 28 cents from the last year, although the minimum wage did not increase, and the nation hit a recession. Surely, the low minimum wage contributes to poverty, and consequently, the inability of families to pay for rent or buy housing.

**Florida's Rapid Growth:** The challenge of accommodating a rapid influx of people confronts the state of Florida daily. According to the Shimberg Center at the University of Florida (2002), our state has seen its population increase by 3 million people in the past decade. The metropolitan counties of Florida, such as Miami-Dade, experience the highest rates of growth. Because of strong competition, builders and real estate agents in metropolitan counties also provide housing for the population that proposes the highest bid. This leaves Florida's low-income renters with only a few discouraging options: to take a very inadequate living situation because of its cheaper rent, work strenuous and unhealthy hours at low-paying jobs, and/or provide an insufficient diet to themselves and their families. Still, these options many times do not compensate enough for the high cost of rent, and many families and individuals end up plunging into homelessness.

**The trends of builders:** While the effects of the recession that began in 2001 undoubtedly hurt the pockets of many Floridians, the housing crisis of the 1990s also resulted in drastic consequences for Florida's poor. Because of the soaring population growth that Florida saw in the 1990s, builders did not oversupply housing as they had done in previous decades. This tight supply of housing led to severe competition, thus furthering the price increases in many communities. Currently, "an extremely low income household (earning \$15,217, 30 percent of the Area Median Income of \$50,723) can afford monthly rent of no more than \$380, while the Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom unit is \$742".<sup>5</sup>

## The Governor's "Tax Relief for Seniors and Savers"

Despite the funding needs of health insurance for children and affordable housing—and the more expensive consequences that come when they are ignored—the Governor's budget also incorporated more tax cuts for those without a comparable level of need. The Governor's \$139 million in tax cuts for FY2004-05 are a part of the \$8.2 billion eliminated from the state's revenues over six consecutive fiscal years. This has come in part from increased exemptions to the state's Intangible Personal Property Tax adopted by the 2001 Florida Legislature and coming to fruition in 2004.

Governor Bush had advocated for greater exemptions for Floridians who own stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other assets subject to the intangible tax. Before the legislation was adopted, individuals paid no tax on the first \$20,000 of assets; and couples filing jointly, on the first \$40,000. Businesses enjoyed no exemption, but—as with individuals and couples—paid nothing if the tax owed was less than \$60. The new law dramatically increased those limits to no tax on the first \$250,000 of assets for individuals; and for couples, \$500,000. Business exemptions were added, requiring no tax on the first \$250,000 of assets. To help put this into perspective, it is useful to know that the minimum \$60 tax liability for a couple reflects assets—excluding the value of their residence—of over half a million dollars (\$560,000). These increased limits will enable an estimated 600,000 higher-income individuals and businesses to avoid paying taxes altogether.

This year the Governor's budget features a "new" program he has tagged, "tax relief for seniors and savers." It proposes a one-third rate reduction of the intangible tax, marking the first phase of a three-year plan to completely eliminate it. Once fully implemented, the state is projected to lose \$342 million in tax revenue—not counting the ongoing residual effect of these lost revenues.

That effect translates into still more costs to the state when health care insurance is not available: like the more expensive emergency room visits and preventable hospitalizations, a loss of federal dollars for effective health care programs, and the subsequent loss of jobs. And the Governor's second raid on the state's affordable housing trust fund (which effectively will help to underwrite the tax cuts) will generate a loss of construction on more than 10,000 affordable housing units and a loss of more than 20,000 jobs.

1 Kidcare website: [www.floridakidcare.com](http://www.floridakidcare.com).

2 Source: Council on Homelessness, The Department of Children and Families, 2003.

3 "Full Funding for Sadowski Housing Trusts Funds," Jamie Ross, 1000 Friends of Florida, 2004.

4 "Out Of Reach: 2003", by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org), 2003.

5 Ibid.

# The Children's Summer Nutrition Bill

## The Summer Food Service Program

When school lets out for the summer, at least 1 million of the state's low-income children lose access to the school breakfasts, lunches, and after-school snacks they receive during the regular school year. The federal Summer Food Service Program is a key to filling this gap. The Program provides meals and snacks to children (18 years and under), who might otherwise go hungry, and is often provided in conjunction with educational, developmental, and recreational activities.

Created by Congress in 1968, summer food is an entitlement program designed to provide funds to community sites where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals (i.e., at or below 185 percent of poverty). Summer food sites can be run by private and public nonprofits and are site-eligible, so that all children can participate without need for family-income documentation. In addition to schools, county recreation programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, Kids Cafes, and churches often serve as sites for summer feeding programs in conjunction with their summer schedule of activities.

## The Unmet Need

Although the summer food program reimburses both food commodities and administrative costs, the Program serves no more than 135,000 of the well over 1.1 million Florida children it was designed to help. In fact, there are seven counties in which children have no access to the Program at all (see county table). This leaves many at risk of hunger and a nearly \$104-million return on Florida's federal tax dollars sitting on the table in Washington--unused.

The Florida Legislature passed a compromise (down from proposed mandate language) in 2002 to allow the school districts two summers in which to improve access to this program, but the change has been minimal and participation levels have dropped. Technical support is available to sponsors of this program through the Florida Department of Education, which can assist county school districts and other public and private nonprofit organizations with creative ways to develop

a summer food program responsive to the needs of their respective communities. In one sweep, we could feed more children, import more of our federal tax dollars, and generate a small positive impact on our local communities' summer economies.

## A Solution

Rep. Ron Greenstein (D-Ft. Lauderdale) and Senator Steve Wise (R-Jacksonville) have filed the Children's Summer Nutrition bill, which provides for a two-year phase-in for compliance. By the summer of 2005, it would require each school superintendent to ensure that children of low-income families have access to at least one summer food site in the district that is open for forty days in the summer and is within five miles of an elementary school with 50 percent or more free and reduced-price school meal eligibility. By the summer of 2006, all school districts must ensure there is a summer food site within 10 miles of every elementary school where 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Though schools have proven to be the optimal sites for the summer food program, any nonprofit organization can serve as a site and/or sponsor to meet the requirements of this provision.

Though encouraged to collaborate with local county government and private, nonprofit leaders, the superintendents in each of Florida's 67 school districts is charged with the responsibility for implementing this law. That is no arbitrary designation but an acknowledgement that hunger and under-nutrition have a direct and adverse effect on a child's physical and mental development. An analysis of 56 studies of after-school and summer programs found that they have a statistically significant positive impact on student achievement in reading and mathematics, especially among low-achieving or at-risk students. Overall, researchers found that these programs resulted in gains of four percentile points on standardized achievement tests.<sup>1</sup> This percentage grows in value when one considers that the result is achieved with strategies that represent a relatively small period of exposure and with children who are struggling in school.

<sup>1</sup> Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning, "McREL Research Finds Out-of-School Programs Boost Achievement," December 2, 2003.

## Federal Funds Lost to Florida Through Underuse of the Summer Food Service Program for Children

School District	Number of Low-Income School Children(1)	Potential Daily SFSP Reimbursement (2)	Potential Summer Federal Reimbursement (3)	Actual SFSP Average Daily Participation in 2003 (4)	Actual Total SFSP Reimbursements in 2003	Federal Funds Potentially Lost	Estimated Number of Children not Served by Program (5)
Alachua	13,475	\$34,428.63	\$1,377,145.00	2,361	\$240,822.00	\$1,136,323.00	11,114
Baker	1,822	\$4,655.21	\$186,208.40	0	\$0.00	\$186,208.40	1,822
Bay	12,000	\$30,660.00	\$1,226,400.00	1,598	\$162,996.00	\$1,063,404.00	10,402
Bradford	2,267	\$5,792.19	\$231,687.40	69	\$7,038.00	\$224,649.40	2,198
Brevard	19,901	\$50,747.55	\$2,029,902.00	466	\$47,532.00	\$1,982,370.00	19,435
Broward	106,059	\$270,980.75	\$10,839,229.80	7,683	\$783,666.00	\$10,055,563.80	98,376
Calhoun	1,075	\$2,746.63	\$109,865.00	0	\$0.00	\$109,865.00	1,075
Charlotte	7,484	\$19,121.62	\$764,864.80	987	\$100,674.00	\$664,190.80	6,497
Citrus	6,525	\$16,671.38	\$666,855.00	301	\$30,702.00	\$636,153.00	6,224
Clay	7,450	\$19,034.75	\$761,390.00	322	\$32,844.00	\$728,546.00	7,128
Collier	9,166	\$23,419.13	\$936,765.20	2,495	\$254,490.00	\$682,275.20	6,671
Columbia	5,251	\$13,416.31	\$536,652.20	135	\$13,770.00	\$522,882.20	5,116
Dade	232,973	\$595,246.02	\$23,809,840.60	28,000	\$2,856,000.00	\$20,953,840.60	204,973
DeSoto	3,083	\$7,877.07	\$315,082.60	147	\$14,994.00	\$300,088.60	2,936
Dixie	1,471	\$3,758.41	\$150,336.20	695	\$70,890.00	\$79,446.20	776
Duval	53,422	\$136,493.21	\$5,459,728.40	13,090	\$1,335,180.00	\$4,124,548.40	40,332
Escambia	24,878	\$63,563.29	\$2,542,531.60	1,401	\$142,902.00	\$2,399,629.60	23,477
Flagler	2,876	\$7,348.18	\$293,927.20	100	\$10,200.00	\$283,727.20	2,776
Franklin	818	\$2,089.99	\$83,599.60	155	\$15,810.00	\$67,789.60	663
Gadsden	5,509	\$14,075.50	\$563,019.80	1,114	\$113,628.00	\$449,391.80	4,395
Gilchrist	1,470	\$3,755.85	\$150,234.00	505	\$51,510.00	\$98,724.00	965
Glades	703	\$1,796.17	\$71,846.60	138	\$14,076.00	\$57,770.60	565
Gulf	1,034	\$2,641.87	\$105,674.80	0	\$0.00	\$105,674.80	1,034
Hamilton	1,439	\$3,676.65	\$147,065.80	199	\$20,298.00	\$126,767.80	1,240
Hardee	3,538	\$9,039.59	\$361,583.60	64	\$6,528.00	\$355,055.60	3,474
Hendry	5,473	\$13,983.52	\$559,340.60	612	\$62,424.00	\$496,916.60	4,861
Hernando	7,452	\$19,039.86	\$761,594.40	674	\$68,748.00	\$692,846.40	6,778
Highlands	6,696	\$17,108.28	\$684,331.20	1,209	\$123,318.00	\$561,013.20	5,487
Hillsborough	84,740	\$216,510.70	\$8,660,428.00	11,260	\$1,148,520.00	\$7,511,908.00	73,480
Holmes	1,898	\$4,849.39	\$193,975.60	0	\$0.00	\$193,975.60	1,898
Indian River	6,264	\$16,004.52	\$640,180.80	1,069	\$109,038.00	\$531,142.80	5,195
Jackson	3,880	\$9,913.40	\$396,536.00	260	\$26,520.00	\$370,016.00	3,620
Jefferson	1,164	\$2,974.02	\$118,960.80	0	\$0.00	\$118,960.80	1,164
Lafayette	530	\$1,354.15	\$54,166.00	0	\$0.00	\$54,166.00	530
Lake	13,178	\$33,669.79	\$1,346,791.60	957	\$97,614.00	\$1,249,177.60	12,221
Lee	29,094	\$74,335.17	\$2,973,406.80	2,248	\$229,296.00	\$2,744,110.80	26,846
Leon	10,638	\$27,180.09	\$1,087,203.60	2,319	\$236,538.00	\$850,665.60	8,319
Levy	3,534	\$9,029.37	\$361,174.80	750	\$76,500.00	\$284,674.80	2,784
Liberty	626	\$1,599.43	\$63,977.20	0	\$0.00	\$63,977.20	626
Madison	2,088	\$5,334.84	\$213,393.60	259	\$26,418.00	\$186,975.60	1,829
Manatee	16,651	\$42,543.31	\$1,701,732.20	1,678	\$171,156.00	\$1,530,576.20	14,973

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Marion	21,217	\$54,209.44	\$2,168,377.40	1,180	\$120,360.00	\$2,048,017.40	20,037
Martin	5,597	\$14,300.34	\$572,013.40	458	\$46,716.00	\$525,297.40	5,139
Monroe	3,390	\$8,661.45	\$346,458.00	560	\$57,120.00	\$289,338.00	2,830
Nassau	3,541	\$9,047.26	\$361,890.20	130	\$13,260.00	\$348,630.20	3,411
Okaloosa	8,405	\$21,474.78	\$858,991.00	1,133	\$115,566.00	\$743,425.00	7,272
Okeechobee	3,927	\$10,033.49	\$401,339.40	126	\$12,852.00	\$388,487.40	3,801
Orange	72,697	\$185,740.84	\$7,429,633.40	7,059	\$720,018.00	\$6,709,615.40	65,638
Osceola	19,290	\$49,285.95	\$1,971,438.00	2,578	\$262,956.00	\$1,708,482.00	16,712
Palm Beach	68,961	\$176,195.36	\$7,047,814.20	11,570	\$1,180,140.00	\$5,867,674.20	57,391
Pasco	25,799	\$65,916.45	\$2,636,657.80	310	\$31,620.00	\$2,605,037.80	25,489
Pinellas	43,296	\$110,621.28	\$4,424,851.20	7,665	\$781,830.00	\$3,643,021.20	35,631
Polk	45,611	\$116,536.11	\$4,661,444.20	4,081	\$416,262.00	\$4,245,182.20	41,530
Putnam	7,870	\$20,107.85	\$804,314.00	2,042	\$208,284.00	\$596,030.00	5,828
St. Johns	4,510	\$11,523.05	\$460,922.00	404	\$41,208.00	\$419,714.00	4,106
St. Lucie	17,133	\$43,774.82	\$1,750,992.60	1,562	\$159,324.00	\$1,591,668.60	15,571
Santa Rosa	7,562	\$19,320.91	\$772,836.40	414	\$42,228.00	\$730,608.40	7,148
Sarasota	12,537	\$32,032.04	\$1,281,281.40	1,764	\$179,928.00	\$1,101,353.40	10,773
Seminole	18,099	\$46,242.95	\$1,849,717.80	65	\$6,630.00	\$1,843,087.80	18,034
Sumter	3,670	\$9,376.85	\$375,074.00	394	\$40,188.00	\$334,886.00	3,276
Suwannee	2,936	\$7,501.48	\$300,059.20	542	\$55,284.00	\$244,775.20	2,394
Taylor	1,832	\$4,680.76	\$187,230.40	289	\$29,478.00	\$157,752.40	1,543
Union	918	\$2,345.49	\$93,819.60	0	\$0.00	\$93,819.60	918
Volusia	24,794	\$63,348.67	\$2,533,946.80	4,428	\$451,656.00	\$2,082,290.80	20,366
Wakulla	1,549	\$3,957.70	\$158,307.80	0	\$0.00	\$158,307.80	1,549
Walton	3,190	\$8,150.45	\$326,018.00	479	\$48,858.00	\$277,160.00	2,711
Washington	1,954	\$4,992.47	\$199,698.80	268	\$27,336.00	\$172,362.80	1,686
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,149,880</b>	<b>\$2,937,843.90</b>	<b>\$117,513,755.80</b>	<b>134,821</b>	<b>\$13,751,742.00</b>	<b>\$103,762,013.80</b>	<b>1,015,059</b>

(1) Children eligible for Free or Reduced-price (FRP) school lunch; up to 185% of poverty level.

(2) # of FRP-eligible children x (SFSP lunch reimbursement (\$2.35) + administrative cost (\$.2050))

(3) if the program were to run 40 days in the summer

(4) includes both regular and Seamless Summer Average Daily Participation

(5) This number reflects a minimum in that it does not count preschoolers.

Sources: Florida Department of Education's Needy School Printout February 2003.

Average Daily Participation provided by Florida Department of Education Summer Food Service Program.

Numbers from participation for the summer of 2003 are subject to change with sponsors' final updates.

# Imagine...

*There's no hunger*



**HB 231, SB 620—Rep. Ron Greenstein (D-Broward)/Sen. Burt Saunders (R-Lee and Collier)**

The familiar self-portrait sketch of John Lennon may soon appear on Florida's next specialty license plate. Yoko Ono, Lennon's widow, donated the image to the Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB), which has filed a bill with Senator Saunders and Representative Greenstein to incorporate it with a lyric from one of Lennon's most popular songs - "Imagine". The FAFB hopes that the tag will invoke Floridians to financially support their organization by donating an extra \$25 for the specialty tag when it is time to renew their registration.

FAFB, affiliated with America's Second Harvest, is a network of fifteen food banks that feeds some of Florida's neediest families at 3,000 community agencies across the state. Last year, it provided emergency assistance to over 1 million people in Florida and distributed over 60 million pounds of food.

- 1 out of every 10 people in Florida is food insecure
- 40% of the people served at food centers have at least one working member in their household
- 38% of those served by food banks are children
- 18% of those served by food banks are elderly

### **What the plate will do for low-income people:**

The proceeds from the sale of this plate will go towards the FAFB's goals of feeding those who are hungry, eliminating the waste of food, and educating people about the problem of hunger in this state. FAFB secures food commodities from a number of national donation sites and transports the food back to local agencies in Florida. The nation's slow economy has created a greater demand on food banks in the last year, with local agencies at risk of exhausting resources for their food programs. FAFB holds high expectations for the appeal of the "Imagine" license plate and its cause, projecting sales of over 25,000 plates in the first year alone-- \$625,000 in earnings. In the hands of FAFB's network of food providers, these funds are projected to serve approximately 100 million meals to Florida's hungry in the first year alone.

**For more information, go to [www.imaginelicenseplates.org](http://www.imaginelicenseplates.org).**

Source: The Florida Association of Food Banks

# In-state tuition rates for Florida's migrant farm worker families

HB241, Representative Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton)

SB1182, Senator Mike Bennett (R-Bradenton)

Recognizing the contributions that farm workers make to the economic prosperity of this state, a bill has been filed to enable children of migrant farm workers to attend Florida colleges and public universities at in-state tuition rates. The bill amends state statute 1009.21 to include a specified class of students as residents for tuition purposes. A person who has attended a Florida high school for at least three months per school year for two school years and who is the dependent child of a migrant farm worker shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition and out-of-state fees at community colleges and state universities if the migrant farm worker parent has legal status and is currently employed as a farm worker in the state.

## America's Farm Workers at Risk

- Two-thirds of the country's migrant households and seventy percent of migrant children live below the federal poverty line.<sup>1</sup>
- Most farm workers' wages are determined by the piece-rate, which sets a price for each type of crop by the amount picked. Due to the seasonal nature of the work, substantial salary deductions for equipment and housing, the use of illegal immigrants and the consequent depression on the piece rate this creates, many farm workers' average annual wage falls significantly below the federal minimum hourly wage for full-time, year-round employment.
- A half-gallon of orange juice at regular supermarket prices equals 3.5 cents in wages for migrant workers.<sup>2</sup> Migrant workers who pick tomatoes earn 40-50 cents for each 32-pound bucket.<sup>3</sup>
- The National Farm Worker Ministry states that "the death rate among agricultural workers in the U.S. was 20.9 per 100,000 workers in 1996; compared to the average for all industries of 3.9 per 100,000 workers".<sup>4</sup>
- The EPA estimates that farm workers suffer up to 300,000 acute illnesses and injuries from pesticide exposure each year.<sup>5</sup> Many of the dangers from these exposures are preventable if farm workers are supplied with adequate information and equipment.
- Many times migrants are sleeping 8-15 people to a trailer and packed tightly into buses transporting them to work.

*"They shall not plant and another eat."* -

*Isaiah 65:21*

1 "With These Hands: The Hidden World of Migrant Farm Workers Today," by Daniel Rothenberg, Harcourt Brace and Company, New York, San Diego, London, 1998.

2 "That glass of OJ is squeezing back," by Jane Daugherty, Palm Beach Post, 9 December 2003.

3 Source: National Farmworker Ministry website, [www.nfwm.org](http://www.nfwm.org).

4 Ibid. "Fields of Poison: California Farm Workers and Pesticides," Margaret Reeves and Kristin Schafer (Pesticide Action Network North America), Kate Hallward (United Farm Workers of America), and Anne Katten (California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation), 1999.

5 "Hired Farm Workers Health and Well-Being At Risk," United States General Accounting Office Report to Congress, 1992.

# The FAIR Amendment: Floridians Against Inequities in Rates

Without a progressive state income tax (as used by the great majority of other states), Florida's state budget leans heavily on its sales tax for support. The thinking was that, in a state where tourism is the number-one industry, Florida's visitors would provide enough revenue to fund what we need. Over the years, however, special-interest lobbyists have carved out 440 sales tax exemptions for their clients, thus leaving a substantial amount of revenue untapped for funding the state's business. And when the cost of the latter exceeds the former, legislators say they are forced to cut programs--many of them vital services for low-income Floridians.

In 1964 sales tax applied to about 68 percent of the state's economic activity; today the sales tax applies to less than 42 percent. That means that Florida will collect \$17.5 billion from sales taxes this year but will exempt almost \$25 billion.<sup>1</sup> Restoring the exemptions could plug those budget holes or lower tax rates.

And if sales-taxing rich and poor at the same rate isn't inequitable enough, consider the further insult of the sales tax exemption. You have to pay sales tax on dog food, but the people who buy food for racing dogs do not. You have to pay tax on laundry detergent, but those relying on dry cleaning or a laundry service do not. You have to pay sales tax on your movie tickets, but the guy up in the football stadium skybox does not. See the pattern?

Florida's overall tax structure has been declared the second-most regressive in the nation by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (behind only Washington). And a survey conducted by *Governing* magazine also gave Florida the lowest possible grades for tax fairness.<sup>2</sup> But then what would one expect from a state that hasn't revisited its tax code since 1949.

Having tried and failed at true reform in the Florida Legislature, three former state officeholders are leading a campaign to place the issue before the state's voters in November. Former Senate President John McKay and former Comptroller-General Bob Milligan (co-chairs) along with for-

mer Senator Jack Latvala (treasurer) are leading the campaign to put the FAIR amendment in the Florida Constitution. Before that can be done, half a million signatures must be collected by August 3, 2004.

## What is the FAIR amendment?

**A periodic review of all exemptions** - Provides that the Legislature must review every sales tax exemption or exclusion every ten years.

**Requires a public purpose for each exemption** - Exemptions or exclusions that are reenacted must have a stated public purpose that does one of the following:

- encourages economic development and competitiveness
- supports educational, governmental, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable initiatives
- secures tax fairness

**Single subject consideration a must** - Exemptions can only be reenacted in legislative bills as a single subject - no trains with dozens of exemptions!

**Super majority vote required** - In order to be reenacted, an exemption must receive a three-fifths (60%) vote from each house of the Legislature.

**Exceptions from the review** - are provided for food, drugs, health services, residential rent and utilities, sales for resale, sales of real property or stocks and bonds, and employee salaries and benefits.

## Think what we could do with \$25 billion--

- \$23 million for eliminating the KidCare waiting list through June 2004;
- Restore \$166.7 million that the Governor is proposing to take out of the housing trust fund, which would build more than 10,000 houses and create over 20,000 jobs;
- \$1.1 billion in total operating and capital outlay funds to provide for class size reduction requirements mandated by Florida voters in the State Constitution;
- And we still have nearly \$24 billion left for universities and colleges, the Medically Needy Program, the Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program, Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program . . .

### A sampling of products excluded from the sales tax:

Tax exclusion	Lost revenue each year
\$2 million annual subsidy for Professional Golf Hall of Fame	\$2 million
Cattle growth enhancers	\$300,000
Complimentary meals served by hotels and motels	\$3.5 million
Motion picture and video industries	\$68.2 million
Newspaper and magazine inserts	\$39 million
Purchases of agricultural items (pesticides, seeds, fertilizers, etc.)	\$54 million

### A sampling of services excluded from the sales tax:<sup>3</sup>

Tax Exclusion	Lost revenue each year
Specialized design services (Interior, industrial, graphic, fashion, and other)	\$74.7 million
Advertising and related services	\$151.6 million
Nonresidential building construction	\$233.9 million
Charter fishing boats	\$38.5 million

<sup>1</sup> Source: "Building a Better Florida" website for the FAIR Amendment campaign ([www.fairamendment.com](http://www.fairamendment.com)).

<sup>2</sup> "State's Reliance on Sales Tax Weighs on Poor," John Kennedy and Bob Mahlburg, Orlando Sentinel, 18 January 2004.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Florida Legislature.

# Child Nutrition Programs Reauthorization . . . to be continued



Photo by Erica B. Askin

*Recent research shows that many children who do not have enough to eat wind up with diminished capacity to understand and learn. Children don't have to be starving for this to happen. Even mild undernutrition – the kind most common among poor people in America – can do it.*

*Carl Sagan, Cornell University*

Though Congress was to have reauthorized the nation's child nutrition programs by now, that task has spilled over into 2004. A continuation budget on the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Summer Food Service, WIC, and Child Care and Adult Food programs is in effect; several bills to enhance these programs are pending; and the President's budget proposal contains no funds to expand program access.

Meanwhile, late last year, the U.S. Census documented national poverty increases and income declines for the second consecutive year, leaving 3 million more people in poverty in 2002 than in 2000 (for a total of 34.6 million).<sup>1</sup> And in the one-year period between 2001 and 2002, median household income fell by \$500 to \$42,409—a hit taken disproportionately by minorities, who lost any where from \$762 to \$965 in annual income.

The increasing numbers of children who face ambiguity about where their next meal will come from are a hidden part of these statistics. The USDA's most recent survey places nearly 35 million Americans in food-insecure households.<sup>2</sup> And since current economic trends may continue due to growing rates of unemployment, diminishing hourly wages for low-paid workers, and states' resorting to program cuts as a solution to budget deficits, the role of federal programs in providing for America's children becomes more critical. In response, several congressional delegates have stepped forward to

offer bills designed to improve and enhance access to the federal child nutrition programs.

To accomplish these improvements, Congress will have to pass an FY2004-05 Budget Resolution of at least \$550 million in new annual funding. The key committees in Congress that will review these bills are the House Education and the Workforce and Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and

Forestry. Representative Ric Keller, whose district includes Osceola, Orange, and Seminole counties, sits on the former. There are no Florida delegates on the Senate committee.

## **Pending Federal Legislation regarding the Child Nutrition Programs**

**H.R. 3416--THE HEALTHY CHILDREN THROUGH BETTER NUTRITION ACT (REP. GEORGE MILLER, D-CA; REP. LYNN WOOLSEY, D-CA)**

This comprehensive House bill formally authorizes the Child Nutrition Programs for another five years with specific improvements to each program designed to increase access. In addition to the categories that follow, the bill authorizes a new nutrition program that allows local government and community-based providers of youth service programs to offer three meals and two snacks every day throughout the year at free, reduced-price, and paid rates. It also addresses the

The number of people in the United States living in poverty is comparable to the entire population of the state of California (2002).

*U.S.Census*

nutritional quality of school meals to prevent obesity through greater use of fresh fruits, vegetables, and low-fat and soy milk; nutrition education; and higher nutritional standards for competitive foods.

### **National School Lunch and Breakfast improvements:**

Increases student access by eliminating reduced price meals, implementing instead a policy in which children in families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level may receive a free meal.

- ✓ Requires states to directly certify children as eligible for school meals if they participate in TANF, Food Stamps, and Medicaid.
- ✓ Allows states to directly certify children as eligible for school meals if they participate in SCHIP or other state means tested programs that verify income.
- ✓ Authorizes a new startup and expansion program for the school breakfast program to increase availability of breakfast; to include a universal breakfast pilot targeted to high poverty high schools.

### **Summer Food Service improvements:**

- ✓ Lowers the area eligibility threshold from 50 percent to 40 percent in Child and Adult Care Food, Summer Feeding, At-Risk Snack and After school snack programs to increase the number of children eligible for meals in these programs.
- ✓ Expands the 13-state (so-called) Lugar Pilot for the Summer Food Service Program to all states, which eliminates cost-accounting for the summer feeding program.
- ✓ Authorizes a new startup and expansion program for summer food service program to increase provider participation.

### **Child and Adult Care Food Program 67 improvements:**

- ✓ Allows ten additional states to offer a third meal (supper) in the CACFP program.

- ✓ Makes permanent the “for-profit” child care provision that allows for-profit providers of child care to participate if 25 percent or more of the children meet eligibility for free or reduced meals.
- ✓ Allows homeless or domestic violence shelters to serve children and youth up to 18 years old under the CACFP program.
- ✓ Increases nutrition education funds for CACFP providers by \$2 and authorizes a nutrition education pilot in CACFP.
- ✓ Allows Tier 1 childcare providers to be eligible for CACFP for 5 years instead of 3 years.
- ✓ Increases disregard for CACFP providers to \$600.
- ✓ Allows after school programs sponsored by schools and non-profits to offer an additional supplement (snack).

### **WIC improvements:**

- ✓ Gives states permission to certify participants for up to one year.
- ✓ Allows states to waive physical presence requirements for an infant or child if that infant or child was present during the certification period or is unable to be present due to weather, travel or special needs.
- ✓ Prohibits the Secretary from authorizing activities by WIC agencies unless they are fully reimbursed by the Secretary.
- ✓ Adds “physical activity, parents and child development” to the list of activities defined as nutritional education for WIC participants.
- ✓ Authorizes a 10 site demonstration project to evaluate the feasibility of adding fresh fruits and vegetables to the WIC food package.
- ✓ Increases Nutrition Services Administration by ½%.
- ✓ Requires a review of WIC food package every ten years.

## AND IN THE SENATE . . .

### **S. 1020--THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST IMPROVEMENT ACT (SENATOR HERB KOHL, D-WI)**

- ✓ Creates grants that will assist public schools with the funding of the breakfast expansion and startup programs.
- ✓ Removes barriers (costs) for public schools severely in need.
- ✓ Creates universal breakfast pilot programs in six low-income school districts.

### **S. 1021--THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT (SENATOR HERB KOHL, D-WI)**

- ✓ Encourages more sponsors to participate in summer food by eradicating the burdensome paperwork required until now. This has proven to be effective in the Lugar pilot programs carried out in 13 states.
- ✓ Provides organizations with financial assistance in order to startup SFSP programs in the worst performing states.

### **S. 1022—THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS (SENATOR HERB KOHL, D-WI)**

- ✓ Makes more children eligible for CACFP in rural areas.
- ✓ Allows shelters to serve children up to the age of 18 (the limit is currently 12 years of age).
- ✓ Provides a 5 cent increase for reimbursement for snacks.

### **S. 995—THE CHILD NUTRITION INITIATIVES ACT (SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY, D-VT)**

- ✓ Gives incentives to schools that pursue healthier standards for lunches by increasing their consumption of milk, fruits, and vegetables.
- ✓ Gives grants to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to carry out “Farm-to-Cafeteria” projects in order to improve access to local foods in schools.

- ✓ Reauthorizes appropriations for the WIC program, expressing that it should be fully funded.

### **S. 1007—THE BETTER NUTRITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN ACT (SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY, D-VT)**

- ✓ Prohibits the sale of competitive foods (i.e. fast foods like Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Subway) in cafeterias during the time of school breakfast or school lunch program service.
- ✓ Requires regulations for the school breakfast and lunch programs to be based on “sound nutritional science” (S.1007 Bill Summary) that considers the various nutritional needs of children.

### **S. 1392—A BILL TO AMEND THE RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT (SENATOR TOM HARKIN, D-IA)**

- ✓ Improves the nutrition of students served under child nutrition programs by providing grants to schools that meet high nutritional standards.

### **S.1393--A BILL TO AMEND THE RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT (SENATOR TOM HARKIN, D-IA)**

- ✓ Expands the fruit and vegetable pilot program, which provides free fruit and vegetables in school daily.

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.

— *Garrison Keillor*

## The Federal Child Nutrition Programs<sup>3</sup>

**National School Lunch Program (NSLP):** Students are provided a nutritious lunch at school that represents one third or more of the recommended levels for key nutrients (including no more than 30 percent of calories from fat; and less than 10 percent, from saturated fat). USDA research indicates that children who participate in the NSLP have superior nutritional intakes compared to those who bring lunch from home or otherwise do not participate. Students from households with incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level may receive these meals at a reduced-price; students from homes at or below 130 percent, receive free meals. For the 2003-04 school year, this includes a household income for a family of three of up to \$28,231 and \$19,838, respectively.

**National School Breakfast Program:** Over 8 million students participated in this program last year. Like school lunch, students from low-income families can participate at a reduced-rate or at no charge. The Breakfast Program not only delivers more than one quarter of the daily key nutrients that children need, it continues to demonstrate a well-documented impact on student performance.

- Students who eat school breakfast at the start of the school day show a general increase in math and reading scores.
- Children who eat a complete breakfast, versus a partial breakfast, make fewer mistakes and work faster in math and number checking tests.
- Schools that serve breakfast to all students in the classroom show increases in standardized test scores.
- Children who eat breakfast at school – closer to class and test-taking time – perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast or eat breakfast at home.
- Children who participate in school breakfast have lower rates of absenteeism and tardiness.
- Students who increase their participation in school breakfast exhibit decreased behavioral and psychological problems.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program:** The CACFP provides federal funds for meals and snacks to licensed public and nonprofit child care

centers and family and group child care homes for preschool children. Funds are also provided for meals and snacks served at after-school programs for school-age children and to adult day-care centers serving chronically impaired adults or people over age 60. Participating programs are required to provide meals according to the nutrition standards set by USDA. In FY 2000, CACFP served over 2.5 million children daily in child care centers and day care homes; provided approximately 1.6 billion meals and snacks; and served over 67,000 elderly persons in the Adult Day Care portion of the program.

**Summer Food Service Program:** When school lets out, millions of low-income children lose access to the school breakfasts, lunches, and afterschool snacks they receive during the regular school year. This Program provides meals and snacks to children who might otherwise go hungry and is often provided in conjunction with educational, developmental, and recreational activities. The Program gives a boost to public and private non-profit summer programs and gives low-income children the best start on the new school year. While about 15.5 million children depend on free or reduced price school meals during the school year, only about 1.8 million - less than one in seven of the school year number - participate in the SFSP.

**Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** The supplemental foods provided by WIC are specifically tailored to the special dietary needs of program participants. In FY 2000, WIC provided nutritious foods and services for approximately 7.2 million pregnant women, infants, and children each month. It is estimated that every dollar spent on WIC results in between \$1.77 and \$3.13 in Medicaid savings for newborns and their mothers. The program has been proven to: increase the number of women receiving prenatal care, reduce the incidence of low birthweight and fetal mortality, reduce anemia, and enhance the nutritional quality of the diet of participants.

1 "Poverty Up, Incomes Down for Second Straight Year in 2002," Robert Greenstein and Isaac Shapiro, 23 September 2003, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

2 "Food insecurity means that a household had limited or uncertain availability of food, or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways (i.e., without resorting to emergency food supplies, scavenging, stealing, or other unusual coping strategies). Many food-insecure households were worried or unsure whether they would be able to get enough to eat, and most reduced the quality, variety, or desirability of their diets. They may have resorted to emergency food sources or other extraordinary coping behaviors to meet their basic food needs."—U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. For more detail, go to [www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodsecurity](http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodsecurity).

3 Food Research and Action Center. ([www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org))

# The President's Temporary Worker Program

*The likely result of the administration's new initiative, if adopted by Congress, would be to formalize the status of most undocumented immigrants as a permanent underclass and as economic pawns deprived of any meaningful voice in the decisions and processes that determine their destiny.*

*--Statement of the American Friends  
Service Committee*

In the last year alone, Florida's number of immigrants increased by more than 107,000<sup>1</sup>, many of them leaving their home countries of Cuba, Haiti, and Mexico. In that Florida represents the nation's second richest agricultural state,<sup>2</sup> many of these immigrants work on Florida farms and have sought refuge from impoverishment, racism, and/or government corruption in the United States. Most farm workers earn annual incomes below the federal poverty level with half earning wages below \$7,500 per year.<sup>3</sup>



*Photo by Erica B. Askin*

Some maintain that undocumented immigrants and immigrants with temporary work status do not pay taxes and, therefore, should not receive equal treatment under the law. Contrary to this sentiment, advocates for the economic and civil rights of immigrants argue that Florida's low-wage industries have fully integrated the labor of these workers into the state's economy. The difference between the dramatically lower wages of these immigrants and the average wages of American laborers far overcompensates for the amount a normal Florida resident pays in taxes.

In light of these realities, President Bush's proposal to grant immigrant workers only temporary status could do more harm than good, limiting the opportunities of immigrants in the future. The following chart outlines the components of the President's proposal juxtaposed to the objections raised by farm worker advocates.

The Bush Administration	Farm Worker Advocates
<b>No American Worker Will Be Replaced</b>	
<p>In order to avoid taking jobs from American workers, employers will be required to first make every effort to hire American laborers before offering jobs to temporary workers.</p>	<p>The concern is that employers who want to hire workers at the lowest possible rate will simply advertise the jobs at minimum wage so that American workers will not apply. This sends a message to American workers that, unless they are willing to work for minimum wage, jobs are not available to them. Although advocacy groups recognize the opportunities that even minimum wage jobs offer to impoverished immigrants, the President's proposal would establish permanent economic inequality for a class of workers that will take extremely low-paid jobs to survive.</p>
<b>Three-Year Work Period</b>	
<p>President Bush's proposal would grant three-year work periods (after they have paid the registration fees) to immigrants already employed in the United States or seeking work from their own countries. After the time is up, workers will need to leave the U.S. or risk deportation. While in the program, immigrants may apply for citizenship or permanent residency but have no better chance of receiving this status than before.</p>	<p>This policy would promote temporary status over permanent residency or citizenship. Lessening restrictions on temporary status will only lead to more economic exploitation of immigrants if the policy provides no chance for immigrants to become citizens.</p>
<b>Workplace Enforcement of Immigration Laws</b>	
<p>President Bush says that his plan encourages higher labor standards and gives workers the right to healthy working conditions. He made no mention of more consequential penalties for employers who violate labor standards.</p>	<p>Historically, temporary workers (H2A) have never been given the same rights as American workers. In addition, this policy will make immigrants just as vulnerable to exploitation once the three-year period is up.</p>
<b>Benefits for American Companies</b>	
<p>The President says, "The proposal allows workers to find jobs and employers to find workers, quickly and simply." When no American worker is available and willing to take a job, the program should provide a labor supply for American employers. "It should do so in a way that is clear, streamlined, and efficient so people can find jobs and employers can find workers in a timely manner".</p>	<p>This proposal will serve companies, not immigrant and American workers. Bush's proposed policy opens the market for cheap labor but would do little to nothing for immigrants experiencing economic oppression and slavery.</p>

## **S. 1645/H.R. 3142--The Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act (Senator Larry E. Craig, R-ID/Rep. Chris Cannon, R-UT)**

Though conspicuously absent from President Bush's speech on the Temporary Workers Program, the Ag-Jobs bill addresses the issue of immigrant workers by ensuring a path to residency for about half a million agricultural farm workers currently in the United States. The bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program, so as "to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce [and] to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers."

### **Ag-Jobs' provisions:**

- Any immigrant worker can apply for temporary status if he or she has been employed in agriculture in the United States for at least 575 hours or 100 work days, whichever is less, during any 12 consecutive months during the 18-month work period that started in September 2003. During this time, immigrants may travel abroad.
- Allows immigrants to obtain permanent residency after working in agriculture for 360 days in 6 consecutive years. The families of those workers would then be able to reside with them.
- Workers will be able to go directly to federal courts for workplace violations and any other crimes to which they may fall victim.
- Would make 500,000 people eligible for temporary status and eventually permanent residency.

Among this bill's 88 House co-sponsors are several congressional delegates from Florida: Allen Boyd, Corrine Brown, Jim Davis, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Mario Diaz-Balart, Mark Foley, Katherine Harris, Alcee Hastings, Kendrick Meek, Adam Putnam, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and Robert Wexler. Senator Bob Graham is also one of 50 co-sponsors on the Senate bill.

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