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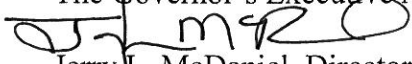
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governor's Executive Agencies

FROM: 
Jerry L. McDaniel, Director
Office of Policy and Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Legislative Budget Requests

DATE: October 12, 2009

As you know, Legislative Budget Requests are due this Thursday, October 15, 2009. While we understand that there are important budget issues that concern you, I would like to be certain that you are aware of the state's financial situation. As demonstrated by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research in the recently published State of Florida Long Range Financial Outlook for Fiscal Year 2010-11 through 2012-13, the state of Florida faces a possible \$2.6 billion General Revenue funding gap for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

As you contemplate funding priorities within your agency, please be cognizant of the limited General Revenue growth projected for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The estimated growth in Medicaid costs alone will consume all new growth in General Revenue that is anticipated to occur. Beyond health care, but equally important, is insuring adequate funding levels for Education and Public Safety, which has always been a priority.

I have discussed the state's financial forecast with the Governor this afternoon. As he indicated at the most recent Agency Heads meeting, we anticipate no requested increases in agencies' budgets as well as a full slate of reduction options.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

JLM/erp