HJR 11A — Joint Resolution relating to Appropriations/Shands Teaching Hospital

by Rules Committee; and Senator Alexander

This joint resolution establishes a new effective date of November 17, 2010, for Specific Appropriation 185 of chapter 2010-152, Laws of Florida, an act making appropriations, which was passed by both houses of the Legislature during the 2010 Regular Session. This appropriation and the associated proviso were subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

Pursuant to Section 9, Article III of the State Constitution, the effective date of a law passed over the veto of the governor shall take effect on the sixtieth day after adjournment sine die of the session in which the veto is overridden, on a later date fixed in the law, or on a date fixed by resolution passed by both houses of the legislature.

Specific Appropriation 185 of chapter 2010-152, Laws of Florida, provides \$9.7 million for the Shands Teaching Hospital as state matching funds for the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, the Low Income Pool program, and for the buy-back of Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital rate reductions.

Absent the veto, this funding would have been available July 1, 2010. The joint resolution ensures the funding will be available immediately.

These provisions became law without the Governor's signature with an effective date of November 17, 2010.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 120-0