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Governor Jan Brewer Signs Four Bills Restoring Education Funding, Stimulus Funding

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today signed into law House Bills 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, four bills that will fund the Governor's top priority of education. The Governor's other spending priorities, public safety and health care for the state's most frail populations, remain intact. The four bills emerged from the Third Special Session of the 49th Arizona Legislature, which she called on Monday to address the shortcomings of the FY10 budget and the continuing budget crisis.

"Republicans and Democrats united to fulfill my number one priority -- preventing Education from being decimated by massive cuts," Governor Brewer stated. "I am pleased the Legislature retained higher funding levels for K-12, for Universities, for the Department of Economic Security and for the Department of Health Services. This will allow Arizona to proceed with my application for federal stimulus funds, both for education and for AHCCCS."

Citing the urgency for additional work to address the massive revenue shortfall the state is still facing, the Governor is calling for continued bipartisan collaboration.

"The Legislature still needs to work with me on a solution on the revenue side, because the budget is massively out of balance," Governor Brewer stated. "Each day that goes by represents a dangerous delay. The longer the Legislature – both Republicans and Democrats – postpones addressing our serious revenue shortfall, the deeper the revenue problem becomes. I am eager to work with both sides to design a revenue solution that balances the budget wisely, prudently and without delay."

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