A proposal to revise
ARTICLE X, s. 15, Fla. Const.; limiting the use
of state lottery net proceeds to financing
certain educational facilities or funding early
childhood care and education programs.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 15 of Article X of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
SECTION 15. State operated lotteries.--
(a) Lotteries may be operated by the state.
(b) If any subsection or subsections of the amendment to the Florida Constitution are held unconstitutional for containing more than one subject, this amendment shall be limited to subsection (a) above.
(c) This amendment shall be implemented as follows:
(1) Schedule--On the effective date of this amendment, the lotteries shall be known as the Florida Education Lotteries. Net proceeds derived from the lotteries shall be deposited to a state trust fund, to be designated The State Education Lotteries Trust Fund, to be appropriated by the Legislature. The schedule may be amended by general law.
(d) Net proceeds derived from the lotteries which are deposited into the State Education Lotteries Trust Fund shall be appropriated by the legislature solely for the following purposes:

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
(1) To finance or refinance, as provided by general law, bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued by the state or school districts to construct, improve, or renovate public schools and facilities for institutions of higher learning, community colleges, and vocational technical schools or to provide for the construction, improvement, or renovation of such educational facilities from the annual appropriation of net lottery proceeds; or

(2) To provide appropriations for early childhood care and education programs established by general law which are not provided on the effective date of this amendment or for enhanced appropriations for existing programs of early childhood care and education at appropriation levels in excess of the state appropriations provided during state fiscal year 1998-1999 from state revenues.

(e) This section shall take effect upon adoption by the electors. The restrictions on the legislature imposed by this section on the appropriation of net lottery proceeds shall begin with the state budget adopted for state fiscal year 2000-2001.