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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Kurt S. Browning  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1738, enacted during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2011 and entitled:

An act relating to State Financial Information...

While I believe that action is necessary to ensure that all state financial systems and business functions are standardized, I have the following concerns with the bill:

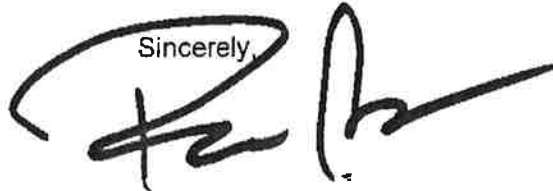
- This administration has taken every opportunity to recommend the reduction or elimination of unnecessary layers of government. I am concerned that the new Agency for Enterprise Business Services is duplicative and in conflict with the mission of the existing Agency for Enterprise Information Technology (AEIT) with respect to enterprise information technology planning. The AEIT is currently tasked with developing plans and standards for enterprise information technology services.
- The new agency does not appear to support the existing Florida Financial Management Information System (FFMIS) Coordinating Council, chaired by the Chief Financial Officer. The council, which is comprised of the agency heads of all FFMIS owners, is currently charged with providing the Financial Management Information Board with solutions, policy alternatives, and budget issues to ensure the availability of data and information that support state planning, policy development, management, evaluation, and performance monitoring.

I believe that legislation to ensure that all state financial systems and business functions are standardized should address business processes, rather than functions; the executive director should report to the FFMIS Coordinating Council Chair; the bill should be specifically tailored to address issues relating to the development of a replacement system for the Florida Accounting Information Reporting System – the most critical enterprise system issue facing the state; and the AEIT should be tasked to assist with this endeavor within the scope of its responsibilities.

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For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1738,  
and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", written in a cursive style.

Rick Scott  
Governor