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Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and 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 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2118, enacted during the 43rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2011 and entitled:

An act relating to Criminal Justice....

While this legislation addresses three areas in criminal justice, the language relating to the transfer of responsibility for contracting and oversight of private prisons from the Department of Management Services to the Department of Corrections is contrary to my recommendation to consolidate state agency contracting functions in the Department of Management Services.

The Department of Management Services is considered the subject matter expert in contracting and leaving these functions in that department will help to ensure the state will develop appropriate contracts designed to protect the interests of our agencies and citizens. Further, the privatization of state prisons is a public-private partnership which will benefit from independent oversight by the Department of Management Services during the transition of these prisons from state to private operations.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 2118, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Rick Scott
Governor