

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
Department of State
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Hood:

By the authority vested in me as Governor 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 with my objections, Senate Bill 166, enacted during the 37th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2005 and entitled:

An act relating to child support . . .

This bill requires that the Department of Revenue make reasonable efforts to locate and notify persons to whom child support collections or refunds are owed and directs that such efforts may include disclosure through a searchable database on the Internet.

Nearly identical provisions are included in House Bill 1283, which also passed during the 2005 regular session. While I appreciate the efforts of the sponsors of this bill in bringing forward these important issues, a veto of Senate Bill 166 is in order to prevent unnecessary clutter of the Florida Statutes.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 166, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush