

May 30, 2006

Ms. Sue Cobb
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Cobb:

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 transmit Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1590 with my signature, but withhold my approval of section 3, comprising a specific appropriation, enacted during the 38th Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular session of 2006, and entitled:

An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions . . .

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1590 gives businesses the option to redirect their sales tax collection allowances to the Education Enhancement Trust Fund each month, instead of keeping the money to help offset their expenses associated with collecting and remitting the sales tax. The redirected monies are to be used to purchase new classroom technology and training for teachers on that technology. The bill also appropriates \$112,920 from the general revenue fund to administer the provisions of the bill. However, the department shall recoup this amount from collection allowance funds redirected to the Education Enhancement Trust Fund.

The appropriation in the bill is intended to pay the costs of printing and mailing notices to sales tax dealers regarding the law change. The appropriation is not needed because the Department of Revenue will be saving \$171,000 in printing and postage due to the pending repeal of the Intangible Personal Property Tax. The Department's Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget was not reduced to account for these cost savings, so adequate spending authority will be available to achieve the purposes of this bill, even if the appropriation in the bill is vetoed.

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I hereby transmit Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1590 with my signature but withhold my approval and hereby veto the following sections:

Section 3. The sum of \$112,920 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering the amendment to s. 212.12, Florida Statutes, made by this act. The Department of Revenue shall retain all of the revenues from dealer-collection allowances which are transferred into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund until the \$112,920 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund has been recovered.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush