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

Dear Secretary Browning:

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 Council Substitute for House Bill 7147, with my signature, enacted during the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to postsecondary education...

This bill creates the Florida Business and Education Collaborative to formulate strategies to align our educational goals with the business community's needs. I am committed to creating a vibrant, high-skilled workforce that encourages diverse, high-wage businesses to expand and locate in Florida, and I applaud the Legislature for creating the Collaborative to achieve this goal.

I look forward to the Collaborative's recommendations for improving the partnership between our schools, community colleges, and universities and the business communities they serve. Only with this collaboration will schools develop the rigor and relevance that ultimately supports Florida's competitiveness in a global economy.

I hereby sign into law, Council Substitute for House Bill 7147.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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