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GOVERNOR

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

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, House Bill 7093, enacted during the 111th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2009 and entitled:

An act relating to Public Records...

House Bill 7093 creates a public records exemption for any "proprietary business information" obtained from a telecommunications or broadband company by the Department of Management Services (DMS), or any person or agency authorized by the Department.

While I understand and appreciate the need to keep certain proprietary business information confidential, including trade secrets as defined in Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, the definition of "proprietary confidential business information" provided in the bill is overly broad. I respectfully suggest that the Legislature revisit this issue as I believe language could be crafted that protects the interests of business while still respecting the state's strong public policy for open and transparent government operations.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of House Bill 7093, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist