



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

June 14, 2013

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner  
Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and withhold my approval from the following specific appropriation contained within Committee Substitute for House Bill 7129 (lines 159-163):

- (1) The sum of \$3,000,000 in recurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Department of Health beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year to provide for a rural primary care residency program at Sacred Heart Hospital to include family physicians and pediatricians.

I do hereby sign and transmit the remainder of Committee Substitute for House Bill 7129 enacted during the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2013 and entitled:

An act relating to residential services for children...

The Florida Families First Budget provides \$80 million for graduate medical education FY 2013-2014 by creating the Statewide Medicaid Residency Program. This new program will improve access to quality care for Florida families, expand graduate medical education on an equitable basis, and increase the supply of highly trained physicians statewide.

All accredited residencies reported to the Agency for Health Care Administration will receive proportional funding under the new program. This transparent and competitive method for funding residencies will ensure that Florida

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taxpayers receive maximum value in return for their investment in training the state's future physician workforce.

The additional \$3,000,000 earmarked in this bill for a select hospital conflicts with the stated principles of the new program and is a recurring appropriation for one hospital. Requiring hospitals to compete for funding on a transparent and level playing field will positively influence the cost, quality, and access of health care for Florida families for generations to come.

For the reasons stated above, the \$3,000,000 appropriation contained in Committee Substitute for House Bill 7129 is hereby vetoed, and I hereby approve the remainder of the Act.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
Governor

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