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GOVERNOR

June 28, 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, and Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for House Bill 1411, enacted during the 115th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2013, and entitled:

An act relating to Pinellas County...

The Pinellas Police Standards Council is a voluntary non-profit organization that continuously plans and studies for the purpose of recommending county-wide police standards. The Council, through the Public Safety Applicant Screening Service, also performs background screening and standardized testing for certain municipalities in Pinellas County and the police academy at St. Petersburg College. Funds for the council are generated from a two dollar court cost fee assessed on all traffic citations issued in Pinellas County. Further, the Council charges additional fees for background screening and standardized testing. This bill allows the Pinellas Police Standards Council to increase by up to one dollar its current two dollar court cost fee assessment on all traffic citations issued in Pinellas County.

Pinellas County is one of only four counties in the state that utilizes a separately funded governmental entity for background screening and testing for law enforcement applicants. Sheriff and police departments in other counties routinely conduct background screening and testing without the need for an additional layer of government and funding. Two of the largest public safety organizations in Pinellas County rarely utilize the Council's services, instead performing the background checks themselves, but the cost of the Council is still borne on all people living and traveling throughout the county. Raising the Council's court cost fee is an additional burden on

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those living in and traveling through Pinellas County and will further exacerbate duplication of services.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for House Bill 1411 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
Governor

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