June 23, 2015

Secretary Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R. A. Gray Building
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Detzner:

As Ann and I travel the state, families ask me to focus on three important areas. First, they want to make sure all Floridians have an opportunity for a great job. Second, they want Florida children to have access to a great education. Third, Floridians want safe communities.

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget signed into law today returns more than $427 million in taxes back to hardworking families. It also provides historic education funding and invests in areas to help Florida become the global destination for jobs. Families know how to spend their money better than government. I am pleased that the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget cuts cell phone and TV taxes, eliminates the sales tax college students pay on textbooks and implements a 10-day sales tax holiday for school supplies. These broad-based tax cuts will directly save money for most every family in our state!

The average person in Florida currently pays about $1,800 in state taxes – the lowest in the nation. The tax cuts in this budget will help us continue our incredible momentum by strengthening our growing economy and providing more opportunities for families in our state. Florida’s economy is on a roll. In four and a half years, Florida businesses have created over 879,000 jobs; our unemployment rate is 5.7 percent; our annual private-sector job growth rate has exceeded that of the nation for over three years; and Florida’s private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 43 consecutive months.

I am committed to making Florida the global leader in job creation by 2020. If we are going to achieve this goal, we not only have to continue cutting taxes, but also investing in our students because parents and grandparents know the chance to live the American Dream starts with a great education. That is why this budget continues our commitment to ensure a world-class education for Florida students by investing historic levels of funding for K-12 and for our state universities, holding the line on higher education tuition - and for the first time - including performance funding for our state
colleges. We want every family in our state to succeed and that is why we are committed to investing in our children’s and grandchildren’s educations.

Because Floridians have worked hard to turn our economy around, we had a more than $1 billion budget surplus that we were able to invest in our families’ future. This budget includes strategic investments, including:

- Historic funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities – serving another 2,000 individuals and eliminating the existing critical needs waitlist.
- Protecting Florida’s natural resources by investing $3.5 billion in Florida’s agricultural and natural resources.
- Investing $9.3 billion in transportation projects for roads, bridges, ports and airports; and
- Building stronger communities with an investment of nearly $5 billion for public safety to ensure we continue to give our law enforcement the tools they need to keep our families, visitors and businesses safe.

Tax revenue is generated by Floridians who are working hard to provide for their families and we are committed to effectively using these dollars by investing them in areas with proven results. That is why I have vetoed $461.4 million in special projects. The total “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget is $78.2 billion, which includes $1.2 billion in General Revenue reserves. Florida recently surpassed New York to become the third largest state, and this budget continues making Florida the most efficient government in the nation by driving down the cost of bureaucracy and eliminating burdensome red tape.

The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget will help us on our mission of unseating Texas to become the number one destination for jobs and allow Florida to make important investments that benefit all of our communities while putting tax dollars back in the pockets of our families and job creators.
KEEP FLORIDA WORKING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

$427 Million in Tax Cuts for Florida Families and Businesses

The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget reflects Governor Scott’s commitment to cutting taxes and allowing Florida families to keep more of their own money. While cutting taxes, Florida has been able to make record investments in education, environment, and transportation infrastructure, pay down state debt by $7.5 billion, and maintain a $1.2 billion budget surplus.

Cut the Cellphone and TV Tax - The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget reduces cell phone and TV taxes by 1.73 percent, saving Floridians and businesses $226.1 million annually.

Eliminate Sales Taxes on College Textbooks - The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget reduces the cost of a college education by eliminating the sales tax on the purchase of college textbooks for one year for the first time ever. The prices of college textbooks have increased significantly over the years, often exceeding $100 per book. Exempting college textbooks from the sales tax for one year is expected to save Florida’s students $43.7 million.

10-day Back to School Sales Tax Holiday – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget provides for a 10-day back to school sales tax holiday saving Floridians $67.8 million. The holiday will run from August 7-16, 2015, and will provide for tax-free purchases so families can provide students with the supplies they need to be successful during the school year.

Reduce Business Taxes – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget reduces business taxes by increasing the tax credits available for research and development, community contributions, and brownfield rehabilitation. The tax cut also grants an extension of the Florida Enterprise Zone program for certain businesses recently established in such zones. These changes are estimated to save Florida businesses $88.6 million over the next five years.

World-Class Education for Florida Students

The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget continues Governor Scott’s commitment to providing Florida students with the opportunity to live their dreams. Florida’s K-12 system is focused on preparing every student for college or a career when they graduate. The current year’s $19.7 billion budget for Florida public schools is the
highest level of funding in Florida history. The Governor also worked to secure pay raises for Florida teachers in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. In order to build on these achievements, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues the Governor's commitment to education by again making historic investments to ensure every Florida student has the tools needed to succeed in the classroom, because the opportunity to live the American Dream starts with a great education.

**Historic Total and State K-12 Public School Funding** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides historic funding of $19.7 billion, of which $10.9 billion is historic state funding for K-12 public schools. Total funding results in a per-student funding of $7,097. This includes $60 million for digital classrooms.

**K-12 School Capital Funds** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $50 million in funding for charter school facilities, $50 million for maintenance at traditional K-12 public schools, and $10.5 million for other education capital projects.

**K-12 Rural School Districts** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $2.5 million to assist rural school districts across the state. Funding is provided to three regional educational consortiums to create greater equity between larger and smaller districts by providing small districts access to resources and expertise they could not provide individually.

**K-12 Rural School District Construction and Renovation** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $80.9 million for eight rural school districts' Special Facility Construction projects. This includes funds for new school buildings and major renovation in Glades, Washington, Madison, Levy, Calhoun, Holmes, Dixie, and Hamilton Counties.

**Early Learning** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $389.3 million toward the Voluntary Pre-K program, and $560.5 million for the School Readiness program, including an increase of $5 million to target children up to age five on the wait list. The budget also includes $10.5 million for an early learning performance pilot program to award child care providers and instructors for improving quality.

**Investing in Higher Education Excellence**

Governor Scott has also focused on holding the line on tuition in Florida's higher education system while providing performance funding for Florida's colleges and universities so they can accurately measure student outcomes and provide students with a better education. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget includes no higher education tuition increases and provides an historic total level of funding for state universities - $4.5 billion, an increase of $178.2 million. The budget invests a total of
$1.2 billion in state operating funding for the state colleges. Because of the Governor's work to hold the line on college tuition, the price of Florida Prepaid plans was cut in half and an historic 42,000 prepaid plans were sold last year.

**Florida College System** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides a total of $2 billion for Florida colleges, which includes $1.2 billion in state funding and $822 million in tuition. This includes $40 million in performance funds for the Florida College System.

**State University System** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides a record total of $4.5 billion for Florida's universities. This is an increase of $178.2 million over Fiscal Year 2014-15. The budget includes $100 million in new university performance funds, for a total of $400 million, to reward excellence or improvement in student success.

**College and University Construction and Building Maintenance** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $78.6 million for Florida College System facilities and $89.9 million for State University System facilities. The budget also provides $20 million for maintenance and repair for Florida colleges and $35 million for maintenance and repair for state universities.

**Industry Certifications** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues $5 million in funding for the Florida College System and provides $4.5 million for the District Workforce Education programs based on students earning industry certifications in Targeted Occupational Areas, including Health Science and Information Technology. Colleges and school districts earn $1,000 for each industry certification that a student earns.

**Making Florida a Global Destination for Jobs**

In four and a half years, Florida has created more than 879,000 private-sector jobs. This means more families are able to find a great job and live their dreams right here in Florida. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget puts Florida on a path to be the number one destination for jobs in the world. Today, Texas is the state's number one competitor for jobs -- but Governor Scott has set the goal of unseating Texas by 2020 and taking this top spot. In fact, Florida has created more private-sector jobs than Texas over the year and Florida had the fastest private-sector job growth rate among the ten most populous states.

Because of Florida's low tax environment, smart regulatory structure, and educated workforce, Florida is well positioned for growth in science, technology, engineering and
math fields such as advanced manufacturing, medical research, and other high-tech research and development.

Since Fiscal Year 2010-11, Florida has increased its investment in economic development by $131.4 million, or 199 percent. This investment in job creation and economic growth has led to economic successes including:

- More than 879,000 private sector jobs created;
- Month-to-month positive private-sector job creation for 43 consecutive months;
- Florida's unemployment rate has been cut almost in half;
- Over 1.5 million Floridians have been placed in jobs through Florida's workforce network since 2012;
- Florida has become the #2 state in the country for doing business, as ranked by Chief Executive Magazine;
- Florida has become the #2 state in the country for trade infrastructure and aviation/aerospace facilities;
- From 1992-2011, Florida inherited $100 billion in adjusted gross income from other states. This is more than 1/8 of our annual GDP.
- Florida's real GDP in 2014 was $769.7 billion, up 2.7 percent from 2013. This growth rate exceeded the national growth rate of 2.2 percent. Among all states, Florida had the fourth largest real GDP in the nation in 2014.

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues to build on this success by investing in transportation and economic development.

By making these investments in combination with cutting taxes and regulations, Florida has become one of the nation's premier states for families to live, work, and play. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget for economic development continues to support the key elements of our economic growth agenda – creating jobs, maintaining and enhancing an economic climate under which Florida's businesses can thrive, and providing the resources needed to effectively respond to job creation and economic development opportunities.

Improving Florida's Transportation System – Since Fiscal Year 2010-11, Florida has increased its investment in transportation by $2.4 billion, or 34 percent. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget includes $9.3 billion to fully fund the Department of Transportation's Work Program and to ensure that Florida's transportation infrastructure remains among the best in the nation. Governor Scott realizes that maintaining the quality of Florida's transportation network is vital to our efforts to enhance economic
competitiveness, create and retain transportation-related jobs, provide efficient movement of goods, and improve the quality of life for Florida’s families. The budget includes:

- $35 million for Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund)
- $3.7 billion to expand transportation system capacity, which includes adding 292 new lane miles
- $633.6 million for resurfacing more than 2,493 lane miles
- $368 million for aviation improvements
- $244.8 million for scheduled repairs of 94 bridges and replacement of 16 bridges
- $146 million in seaport infrastructure improvements

**Attracting and Retaining Florida Businesses** – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget provides approximately $203.1 million for Florida’s economic development public-partnerships. The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget includes $8.5 million to market opportunity in Florida throughout the country and the world, spreading the message that the Sunshine State is the number one place in the world to compete and win globally.

**Quick Response Training** - To help maintain the level of economic competitiveness Florida has achieved under Governor Scott, the “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget includes Quick Response Training (QRT) Program funding of $12.1 million. The QRT Program provides businesses in targeted industries with matching funds related to specific training activities for workers who will be moving into new jobs that the businesses create in Florida.

**Record Breaking Tourism** - In 2014, a record 98.9 million visitors came to the state, an increase of 5.1 percent over 2013, and spent $73 billion while in Florida. In comparison, California only expects 60 million tourists this year. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget includes a total of $74 million for VISIT Florida to build on their success in attracting more tourists to the Sunshine State. For every dollar invested in VISIT Florida, the state saw a return of $3.20. Last year, VISIT Florida also raised more than $120 million in private matching funds.

**Keeping Florida Beautiful**

Florida is home to the world’s most beautiful natural treasures and Governor Scott continues his focus to ensure they are protected for generations to come. Over the last four years, historic investments have been made on restoring the Everglades, protecting
our Springs, improving Florida’s water quality, and investing in the state’s citrus industry. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget builds on these investments by providing **more than $3 billion dollars to protect our agricultural and natural resources**. The Governor's "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget fully complies with Amendment 1 by including over $740 million for Florida’s Land Acquisition Trust Fund to support land and water programs.

**Protecting Florida Springs** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $45 million in funding for Springs protection and restoration projects, more than half of which is provided as recurring funding. This record level of funding for Springs builds on the success of the last four years and clearly demonstrates Florida’s commitment to protecting these natural treasures. Since Governor Scott took office more than $85 million has been provided by the state for Springs restoration.

**Protecting Florida’s Everglades** - Over the last four years Governor Scott has made protecting the Everglades a top priority by investing more than $500 million for Everglades restoration. In addition, under the Governor’s leadership, an $880 million water quality plan was created to ensure, once and for all, that water flowing into the Everglades is free from harmful nutrients. This year, Everglades restoration projects received more than $106 million, and like Spring projects, more than half of that amount was provided as recurring funding, demonstrating a lasting commitment to the River of Grass.

**Land Acquisition and Increase Land Management** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $71.5 million in land management and land acquisition, which includes $17.4 million in new cash for the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection, $15 million for the Rural and Family Lands Program within the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, $5.5 million for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and $33.6 million for additional land management.

**State Park Facility Improvements** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $24 million for repairs and renovations to Florida’s nationally recognized state park facilities, including $4 million to continue to bring state park facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Florida State Parks are the nation’s only two and three-time winner of the National Gold Medal Award.

**Protecting Florida’s Beaches** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $32 million toward financial assistance to local governments for beach and dune restoration, beach nourishment, regional sediment management, and other innovative projects.
Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $223.3 million for low interest loans to local governments for the construction of wastewater treatment and stormwater management systems, including collection and transmission sewers, reclaimed water (reuse) systems, and a variety of other facilities and activities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Drinking Water Facility Construction - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $91 million for low interest loans to local governments and certain other utilities for construction of drinking water systems, including treatment, storage and distribution facilities.

Water Protection Projects - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $47 million for local water projects to assist communities with investing in local water resources and enhancing the quality of water that families receive.

Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $132 million for the cleanup of petroleum storage tank discharges. This includes an increase of $7 million for local government cleanup contracting.

Contaminated Site Cleanup - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $6.5 million to cleanup properties and groundwater contaminated with dry-cleaning solvent discharges. Properties are restored for commercial reuse benefiting business owners, property owners, the community and the local tax rolls.

Building Stronger Florida Communities

In order for Florida to be the best state in the nation for families to live their dreams, Florida must be home to safe communities. Florida’s crime rate is at a 44-year low thanks to the dedicated work of Florida’s law enforcement community. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues to build on that success.

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget ensures Florida’s state and local criminal justice agencies have the resources to provide for the safety and protection of Florida families and visitors through effective investigations, prosecution, security, and targeted rehabilitation and prevention efforts.

Ensuring Safe Prisons - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget includes $16.5 million to fill critical vacant positions within Florida’s prisons and an additional $500,000 to contract with community colleges to train new correctional officers. The budget also provides $10 million for critical maintenance and repair of prison facilities.
Safer Communities through Reduced Recidivism - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $13.2 million in reentry programs with proven track records to reduce the number of inmates going back to prison. The budget makes the following investments to keep recidivism low in Florida:

- An additional $1.9 million which will fund approximately 75 additional community based residential substance abuse co-occurring beds;
- An additional investment of $1.7 million for job training and placement for current and newly released inmates through Operation New Hope, Ready4Work, the Broward County Sheriff's Inmate Portal Reentry program, and Home Builder’s Institute vocational programs.

Continuing Reforms in Juvenile Justice - With a continued decline in residential commitments of youth resulting from effective prevention and intervention services, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues and expands prevention and treatment programs to more at risk youth. This investment includes the following:

- An additional $2.1 million to increase capacity in existing PACE Centers for Girls across the state;
- An additional $3.3 million for the Associated Marine Institute to provide gender-specific programming and in-home counseling services to at-risk and delinquent youth; and
- An additional $3 million for Boys and Girls Clubs to provide delinquency prevention programs to over 16,000 youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, and $1.5 million for the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs targeting 1,200 at risk youth.

Protecting Families from Abuse and Violence – The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget supports $4 million for the continued funding of the 26 child advocacy centers statewide that provide services to victims of child abuse and neglect.

Keep Florida Families Healthy

Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget makes record investments totaling $1.2 billion into the Agency of Persons with Disabilities and provides over $40 million to remove more than 2,000 individuals from the waiting list for the third year in a row. This is an increase of $57 million over current year funding. This funding will serve more than 2,000 individuals and eliminate the existing critical needs portion of the waitlist as well as individuals transitioning out of school.
**Supported Employment** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $1 million for job placement and training for individuals with developmental disabilities on the waiting list. With this increased funding, more young adults with developmental disabilities will have firsthand opportunities to demonstrate their skills in the workplace.

**Recreational Parks for Individuals with Disabilities** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $1.6 million to provide for maintenance and repairs at Billy Joe Rish Park and Hawkins Park located in Northwest Florida. These parks, open year-round, are specialized to allow people with disabilities, their family members, guardians, and caregivers, to enjoy Florida's natural beauty.

**Services for Persons with Disabilities** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $217.6 million in funding to help people with disabilities find and maintain employment and enhance their independence and $52.8 million to ensure blind and visually impaired Floridians have the tools, support, and opportunity to achieve success.

**Vocational Rehabilitation** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides $217.6 million to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to help individuals with disabilities find jobs to increase their independence.

**Division of Blind Services** - The Division of Blind Services is provided with $54 million in the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget to ensure blind and visually impaired Floridians have the resources they need to lead healthy, successful lives.

**Florida School for the Deaf and Blind** – The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $55.6 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind to provide individualized educational services to ensure each student can develop independence and lifelong success. Also, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $74 million for education programs designed for students with disabilities such as Learning Thru Listening, Personal Learning Accounts, and autism programs.

**MACTown Fitness and Wellness** - The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues efforts to identify new ideas for helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their maximum potential in living healthy and productive lives. The budget supports $150,000 in funding to MACTown Fitness and Wellness Center in Miami-Dade for a personalized, safe, and closely monitored environment where individuals can pursue their fitness goals through education, hands-on experience, and a consistent exercise schedule consisting of professional and specialized equipment and aerobics classes.

**The Arc of Florida Dental Services** – The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget supports dental services for individuals with developmental disabilities with an additional
$2 million provided to The Arc of Florida. Funds will be used to enroll new providers and continue statewide coordinated dental services, which will improve the health and self-confidence of the people served.

Protecting Florida’s Children

Healthy Families - The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget increases funding for Healthy Families by $3.9 million to expand home visiting services for expectant and new parents whose children are at risk of abuse and neglect. Healthy Families is a nationally accredited, evidence-based program that has been proven to reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect.

Family Intensive Treatment Teams – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget supports $2.4 million in new funding to implement evidence-based practices for treating a parent’s mental health and substance abuse disorders that put children at risk of maltreatment.

Community Action Treatment - The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget invests an additional $1.5 million in new funding to add two new additional Community Actions Treatment teams to areas in need. These teams provide community in home services to severely mentally ill children and their families.

Human Trafficking – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget includes $2.2 million for five safe houses across the state to provide more emergency and long-term shelter to victims of human trafficking while they recover from commercial sexual exploitation and receive rehabilitative services to help integrate them back into their communities.

Maintenance Adoption Subsidies - The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget provides an additional $18.3 million to fully fund the increased number of children with special needs adopted by Florida families.

Local Community Based Care Lead Agencies – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget supports $29.1 million in new funding to the state’s primary foster care providers for direct services to children and families to improve child protection and abuse prevention services.

Supporting Florida’s Seniors

Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) – The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget provides an additional $2 million for the CCE program to help approximately 305 individuals who are at the greatest risk of nursing home placement. The CCE program provides community-based services organized in a continuum of care to help
functionally impaired seniors live in the least restrictive environment suitable to their needs.

Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) – The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides an additional $1.7 million in Alzheimer's respite services for approximately 167 individuals. The ADI provides caregiver respite services and support to meet the changing needs of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and similar memory disorders.

Cutting Costs While Investing in Priorities

Florida has the lowest number of state workers per capita in the country, and the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues to improve productivity while making strategic investments in state facilities.

Florida's National Guard Facilities – The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget invests $5.5 million in Florida National Guard armories. An additional $2.9 million in state funding is provided for the construction of a new armory in Flagler County.

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 withhold my approval of portions of Senate Bill 2500-A, enacted by the Florida Legislature during the 2015 Special Session A, and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing monies for the annual period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2015, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government; providing for contingent retroactive operation; providing an effective date.

For the reasons that follow, I do hereby withhold my approval of the following line items in the 2015-16 General Appropriations Act:

SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget continues to make historic investments in Florida's education system. With a record $19.7 billion going to K-12 public schools, the per-student funding is $7,097. Florida's colleges hit an historic level of state operating funding with $1.2 billion and state universities have a record $4.5 billion in total funding. More impressive - these historic investments have been made without raising taxes.
Florida’s commitment to students is demonstrated in this budget by aligning state funds with performance funding models that reward excellence or improvement in student success. Incentivizing educational institutions to focus on metrics like graduation rates, average wages for graduates, and the cost per degree guarantee that students will leave Florida’s education system with less debt and the ability to obtain high-skill, high-wage jobs. Florida’s early learning providers are receiving $10.5 million for improving school readiness program outcomes. School districts are provided $4.5 million and the state colleges are provided $5 million for students earning industry certifications in key occupational areas. The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget brings performance funding to the Florida College System for the first time with a $40 million investment. The budget also builds on the success of performance funding at state universities by increasing performance-based funding to $400 million.

For the third consecutive year, Florida has held the line on tuition for state colleges and for state universities. As a result, the price of a Florida Prepaid Plan dropped in half and a record number of 42,000 prepaid plans were sold last year. Every student deserves the opportunity to better themselves through education and the state is on the way to ensuring all Floridians have access to a high quality and affordable education.

Over the last four years, Florida’s economy has been rebuilt. To continue this economic growth, the state is prioritizing investments that bring jobs to Florida and will ensure students receive a quality education that builds a foundation for a promising future.

The following are vetoed because they were not identified as a priority by the Florida College System.

Specific Appropriation 20
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"SANTA FE COLLEGE
  Blount Center Expansion Project......................... 2,000,000"

"TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
  Wakulla Environmental Institute - Land.................. 1,230,000"

"HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
  South Shore Campus.................................. 3,000,000"

The following is vetoed because a total project cost has not been established.

Specific Appropriation 21
Pages 7 and 8

"Strategic Land Acquisition............................... 5,000,000"
The following is vetoed because the project circumvented the Board of Governors' facility request process.

"Medical School - Medical Education Facility to Train Physicians for Rural and Underserved Areas................. 3,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the project circumvented the Board of Governors' campus approval process.

"Downtown Presence - Building A......................... 15,000,000"

The following is vetoed because there is no identifiable statewide impact.

"Norman Hall Remodeling..................................... 8,000,000"

The following is vetoed because there is available funding throughout the State University System that could be used by the institutions desiring to purchase this vessel.

"SYSTEM FIO Replacement Vessel (R/V Bellows)...................... 6,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the project circumvented the Board of Governors' facility request process.

"Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 21, from nonrecurring general revenue funds, shall be allocated as follows:
Florida International University
Mold Remediation - Biscayne Bay.......................... 3,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the project was not recognized as a high priority of the Special Facilities Committee.

Specific Appropriation 22
Page 8

"Jackson (1st of 3 years)................................. 8,841,768"

The following is vetoed because the institution raised student tuition 2.3 percent from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Specific Appropriation 63A
Page 14

"Barry University - BS Nursing and MSW Social Work......... 73,520"
The following is vetoed because the institution raised student tuition 3.5 percent from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

"Florida Institute of Technology - Space Research Institute........ 2,500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 63A, allocated to the Florida Institute for Technology are provided for the establishment of a space research laboratory. The laboratory shall provide the expertise and resources needed to successfully compete for space-related technology research, science missions, and payload development projects."

The following is vetoed because the institution raised student tuition 4.0 percent from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Specific Appropriation 64
Page 14

"Jacksonville University........................................... 2,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the State of Florida has previously funded two reports from the University of Miami – Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies for a total of $600,000.

"University of Miami – Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies.................................................. 250,000"

The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

"University of Miami – Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies Assimilating Elderly Cubans in Florida into the New Information and Communication Technology Era............ 200,000"

The following is vetoed because the institution raised student tuition 2.9 percent from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Specific Appropriation 65A
Page 14

'65A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
  GRANTS AND AIDS - NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY - HEALTH PROGRAMS
  FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND .................... 4,234,749

Funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 65A to support Florida residents enrolled in the Osteopathic Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, and Nursing programs. The university shall submit student enrollment information, by program, to the Department of Education prior to January 1, 2016."
The following is vetoed because the institution raised student tuition 2.9 percent from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Specific Appropriation 65C
Page 15

"65C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND
CONSTRUCTION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 65C are provided for the Southeastern University Simulation Laboratory."

The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of services provided by School Readiness programs, the Child Care Food Program, and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program.

Specific Appropriation 81
Page 18

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 81, $100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers Child Care Program to be used to provide a subsidy for children who receive child day care services."

The following is vetoed because several local Early Learning Coalitions currently support existing Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) efforts, therefore all counties should have the ability to fund similar programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 81, $500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Duval Guiding Stars Pilot Program."

The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 81, $3,500,000 from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund is provided to contract with one educational technology provider for a language development and literacy intervention program available to all students but specifically designed to assist struggling students with the intent to increase the percentage ready for kindergarten. The technology must be interactive and differentiate instruction for each student and meet the following requirements: provide instruction in at least five of the
top languages spoken throughout the state while also supporting English language development strategies; contain internal assessments, checkpoints, tracking and reports for teachers and parents; the software must have tools and off-line resources that enable teachers to more effectively meet the individual needs of each pupil; provide scaffolding through illustrations, front-loaded vocabulary, audio support, interactive glossary words, instructional feedback, strategic questions, and adaptive content that provides extra practice as needed; and the educational technology provider selected must have experience with large statewide implementation."

The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 89A
Page 21

"89A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . . . 135,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 89A are provided to Harlem Academy Childcare for safety and security improvements."

The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement this program if desired.

Specific Appropriation 104
Page 28

"Teach for America........................................... 1,500,000"

The following is vetoed because funding for administrator professional development is provided in Specific Appropriation 104.

"Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative................. 400,000"

"Funds in Specific Appropriation 104 for the Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative are provided to train principals on the following:

1. managing instructional personnel, including developing a high-performing instructional leadership team;
2. public school budgeting, financial management, and human resources policies and procedures; and
3. best practices for the effective exercise of increased budgetary and staffing flexibility to improve student achievement and operational
efficiency.

To be eligible for training, a school district must identify a principal who:

1. is at a school that receives at least 90 percent of the funds generated by that school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program as provided in s. 1011.62, Florida Statutes, and the General Appropriations Act, including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school district's current operating discretionary millage levy; and
2. is provided the following authority and responsibilities:
   a. the authority to select qualified instructional personnel for placement or to refuse to accept the placement or transfer of instructional personnel by the district school superintendent with placement of instructional personnel at a participating school in a participating school district not affecting the employee's status as a school district employee;
   b. the authority to deploy financial resources to school programs at the principal's discretion to help improve student achievement, as defined in section 1008.14(1), Florida Statutes; and
   c. to annually provide to the district school superintendent and the district school board a budget for the operation of the participating school that identifies how funds provided pursuant to section 1011.69(2), Florida Statutes, are allocated. The school district shall include the budget in the annual report provided to the State Board of Education pursuant to section 1011.60(1), Florida Statutes."

The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education mission.

Specific Appropriation 106
Pages 29 and 30

"All Pro Dad/Family First......................... 400,000"

The following are vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement these programs if desired.

"Alternative Foreign Language Curriculum Pilot Project....... 100,000"

"CAPE Act Financial Literacy Pilot-Broward............ 30,000
Citrus County Marine Science Station................... 125,000"

The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education
mission.

"City Year of Florida........................................... 1,000,000"

The following are vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement these programs if desired.

"Communities in Schools........................................ 152,000
Coral Gables Environmental Sustainability Design Education Program........................................ 100,000
CPR in Schools..................................................... 200,000"

"Florida Children’s Initiative.................................... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because the afterschool initiative could be eligible to receive federal funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant.

"Hillsborough School District Metropolitan Partnership....... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement this program if desired.

"Holocaust Documentation and Education Center.................. 50,000"

The following are vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement these programs if desired.

"I am a Leader Foundation........................................ 250,000"
"Junior Achievement.............................................. 500,000"
"Nature's Academy.................................................. 25,000"

The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education mission.

"Neighborhood Initiative Summer Job Program.................. 100,000"

The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement this program if desired.

"Okaloosa County - Science and Technology Education Middle School........................................ 250,000"

The following are vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement these programs if desired.

"Pine Ridge High School Advanced Manufacturing Program....... 284,000
Pinellas Education Foundation - Career Path Planning........ 500,000"
The following is vetoed because the program does not provide a core education mission.

"Pioneer Settlement ........................................... 100,000"

The following are vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement these programs if desired.

"5000 Role Model Excellence Program .................................. 100,000"

"Seminole County Public Schools High-Tech Manufacturing Program .................................. 94,301"

The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education mission.

"Strengthening Our Sons ........................................... 25,000"

The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through record high state K-12 funding to implement this program if desired.

"Thumbelina Learning Center Afterschool Program .................................. 249,956"

"Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 106 for the Okaloosa County Science and Technology Education Middle School shall not replace or supplant existing funds and shall only be used as a supplement to expand enrollment or add curricula."

The following are vetoed because details regarding the programs were not provided.

Specific Appropriation 107
Page 30

"Nature's Paradise ........................................... 140,000"

"Therapeutic Performing Arts Therapy .................................. 260,000"

The following capital outlay initiatives are vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 109A
Page 31

"109A  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL PROJECTS FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND .................................. 3,000,000"
Funds in Specific Appropriation 109A shall be allocated as follows:

- Educational Aerospace Partnership Center .................. 1,000,000
- Glades Career Readiness Roundtable/West Tech Construction AcaGemy ......................................................... 500,000
- Seminole County Public Schools High-Tech Manufacturing Program ................................................... 1,000,000
- Tampa Bay Region Aeronautics II ................................ 500,000

The following capital outlay initiatives are vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 109B
Page 32

- "North Florida School of Special Education ................. 2,000,000"
- "Smith/Brown Community Center .......................... 100,000
- Tallahassee Urban League - Taylor House Museum Project .... 150,000"

The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 120
Page 35

- "Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Pilot Program.. 43,000"

The following is vetoed because funding provides duplicative efforts, as a 5-year strategic plan is already required pursuant to section 1001.20(4)(a), Florida Statutes.

Specific Appropriation 130
Page 40

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 130, $3,000,000 is provided for the department to contract with an independent, third-party entity to perform an assessment of school district and school digital readiness relative to the successful implementation of digital classrooms pursuant to section 1011.62(12)(g), Florida Statutes."

The following is vetoed because the substance of a bill that did not pass during the 2015 Regular Session was added through proviso.

Specific Appropriation 146A
"146A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - FLORIDA POSTSECONDARY
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 8,000,000

Funds provided in Specific Appropriations 146A shall be allocated to:
1) create and fund postsecondary education coordination activities and
program options to increase the independence of individuals with
disabilities through improved educational and employment opportunities,
as referenced in 2013 reports of the Governor's Commission on Jobs for
Floridians with Disabilities, created by Executive Order 11-161, and the
Students with Disabilities Education Pathway Task Force, created by the
Florida Legislature; 2) improve the coordination of information and
availability of robust opportunities for individuals with disabilities
to attain the academic, technical, and educational skills necessary to
prepare them for success in the workforce and life; 3) assist in
minimizing the disparity in educational and workforce opportunities
through increased postsecondary academic opportunities and work
experiences; 4) create a statewide coordination and program management
center; and 5) establish criteria and funding incentives for Florida’s
postsecondary education institutions to establish and operate Florida
Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTPs) to assist
individuals with disabilities in attaining skills and experiences that
will lead to sustainable job and life success.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 146A, $1,500,000 is provided
to the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (center) at the
University of Central Florida to serve as the statewide coordinating
center responsible for disseminating information about postsecondary
education opportunities, programs, support, and services available
statewide for individuals with disabilities; manage and facilitate the
statewide implementation of FPCTPs and other programs and services; and
provide technical assistance to expand best practices and partnerships
that facilitate access to meaningful credentials and job opportunities.
At a minimum, the center must: 1) disseminate information to students
with disabilities and their parents regarding education programs,
services, resources, and employment opportunities for such students; 2)
consult with the National Center and the Coordinating Center, as
identified in 20 U.S.C. s. 1140g, regarding federal requirements and
standards, quality indicators, and benchmarks; 3) provide technical
assistance regarding programs and services for students with
intellectual disabilities to administrators, instructors, staff, and
others at eligible institutions; 4) administer FPCTP start-up and
enhancement grants, including creating an application to be used by
eligible institutions to seek approval of an FPCTP from the center and receive FPCTP start-up and enhancement grants and approving grant applications; 5) administer and oversee implementation of FPCTP scholarship awards to eligible students enrolled in center-approved, grant-receiving FPCTP programs; and 6) provide, by December 31, 2015, and June 15, 2016, implementation status reports and recommendations to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the improvement and statewide expansion of FPCTPs.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 146A, $3,000,000 is provided to the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities to be distributed as start-up and enhancement grants to FPCTPs at eligible institutions that meet specified requirements, as approved by the center. An eligible institution means a state university; a Florida College System institution; a career center; a charter technical career center; or an independent college or university that is located and chartered in this state, is not for profit, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program. To receive an FPCTP start-up and enhancement grant, an eligible institution must submit to the center, by a date established by the center, an application for approval of a proposed program that must address the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program requirements under 20 U.S.C. § 1140. Additionally, the eligible institution must attach to the application: 1) documented evidence of a federally approved comprehensive transition and postsecondary program that is determined to be an eligible program for the federal student aid programs and is currently offered at the institution, 2) documented evidence of the submission of an application for such federal approval of a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program proposed by the institution, or 3) documentation demonstrating the commitment of an institution's governing board to submit an application for federal approval of a program proposed by the institution pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1140. By December 1, 2015, each eligible institution that offers an FPCTP approved by the center must report to the center the status of program implementation and student progress including, but not limited to, recruitment efforts, student enrollment and retention information, business partnerships, and student employment and job placement results. The maximum annual FPCTP start-up and enhancement grant award shall be $300,000 per institution.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 146A, $3,500,000 is provided to the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities to be distributed as FPCTP scholarships for students who are enrolled in center-approved FPCTPs for which an FPCTP start-up and enhancement grant
was awarded. The scholarships will be disbursed for award to each
grant-receiving institution for eligible students who are enrolled in
the center-approved FPCTP who are not receiving services that are funded
through the Florida Education Finance Program or a scholarship under
part III of chapter 1002 of the Florida Statutes. Each grant-receiving
institution shall provide each eligible student enrolled in its
center-approved FPCTP with a $7,000 FPCTP scholarship, prorated by term,
to cover the student’s cost of tuition, program fees, instructional
materials, and other cost of attendance. The scholarship amount may be
prorated if appropriated funds are insufficient to provide the full
award to all eligible students in center-approved programs. Each
institution shall report to the center demographic and other data
requested by the center for students who received the scholarships. By
December 31, 2015 and June 15, 2016, for each respective term of the
academic year, the center must report to the Governor, President of the
Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chancellor of the
State University System, and the Commissioner of Education, an FPCTP
scholarship status report including: 1) the number of students receiving
scholarships at each institution, 2) demographic information on
scholarship recipients, 3) the amount of scholarship funds disbursed at
each institution, 4) student performance indicators, such as credits
completed, 5) recommendations to improve and expand FPCTPs, and 6) other
applicable information requested by the center.”

SECTION 3 - HUMAN SERVICES

The Health and Human Services area of the “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget continues to
build on significant accomplishments for the health of Florida’s families and most vulnerable
individuals. This budget marks the third straight year of a balanced budget for the Agency for
Persons with Disabilities—allowing for record funding to go toward bringing another 2,000
individuals off of the waiting list for waiver services to help them live, learn, and work in their
communities. By removing all individuals with critical needs from the waiting list for a second
straight year, a total of nearly $100 million has been invested over the past three years to bring
vital services to an additional 5,000 individuals with critical needs.

Similar investments are made in other areas of the Health and Human Services budget,
including $3.7 million to serve more individuals in waiver programs for Florida’s seniors and an
additional $29.1 million to community-based care lead agencies that oversee case management
and other critical services for children in Florida’s foster care system. Exciting investments are
also made on behalf of Florida’s future economic competitiveness with record levels of funding
for graduate medical education and biomedical research at state universities and teaching
facilities. Florida taxpayers deserve a return on investment for their dollars, and these programs
ensure a return by tying funding to helping individuals improve their health outcomes.
The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget also supports the development of a new patient-centered prospective payment system for outpatient services. This new system will complement similar major reforms that have taken place in recent years to improve quality and efficiency in the Medicaid program. Although such reforms have been opposed by hospitals, which have generated recent record profits, constant efficiencies must be made to improve the return on taxpayer investment in the Medicaid program that already makes up over 33 percent of the state budget.

This budget places a high value on investments that will improve healthcare cost, quality, and access, while other budget items were omitted that did not meet these objectives or provided duplicative services funded elsewhere in the budget.

The following are vetoed because they are an attempt by an insurer to pass on the costs of a federal tax under Obamacare to state taxpayers.

Specific Appropriation 170
Page 50

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 170, $59,125 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and $150,539 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to DentaQuest to cover costs associated with the Health Insurance Tax on Managed Care rates as mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 170, $53,494 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and $136,201 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to MCNA Dental to cover costs associated with the Health Insurance Tax on Managed Care rates as mandated by the Affordable Care Act."

The following is vetoed because it pays for an electronic medical records system for a private organization.

Specific Appropriation 182
Page 52

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 182, $40,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing and Evaluation Services (PATCHES) to implement an electronic medical record system."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 182, $250,000 in
nonrecurring funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund is provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration to competitively procure a contract for enhanced Medicaid fraud prevention services in Miami-Dade County at the point of service. The vendor selected for this project must be capable of applying unique technical procedures including analytics, biometrics and use of photographic images to ensure that Medicaid services are provided to eligible recipients. In support of the contract, the agreement between the agency and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 322.142(4)(i), Florida Statutes, shall allow the contractor electronic access to the driver license and photographic database, provided that such access does not include record retention."

The following is vetoed because a 10 percent rate increase for these services was included in the current year.

Specific Appropriation 211
Page 59

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 211, $1,186,825 from the General Revenue Fund and $1,813,556 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided for a pediatrician rate increase."

The following is vetoed because a 5 percent increase for these services was included in the current year.

Specific Appropriation 216
Page 60

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 216, $701,182 from the General Revenue Fund and $1,034,890 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided for a rate increase for Private Duty Nursing services provided by Licensed Practical Nurses."

The following is vetoed because it failed to demonstrate a statewide return on investment similar to what is seen with the additional investments being made in home and community based services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Specific Appropriation 224
Page 62
"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 224, $1,550,354 from the General Revenue Fund and $2,375,586 from the Medicaid Care Trust Fund are contingent upon SB 2508-A becoming law."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 242A
Pages 64 and 65

"242A  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESPIRATORY
THERAPY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND  . . . . 200,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 242A, $200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to a facility licensed under chapter 400, P.S. that serves medically fragile patients under age 21 who require skilled nursing care to be used to provide capital improvements, facility upgrades or equipment acquisition for respiratory therapy services for ventilator dependent residents over age 21. Expenditures utilizing these funds shall not be included as an allowable cost on the Medicaid cost report and these appropriated funds shall not be subject to Medicaid cost report offset."

The following are vetoed because they duplicate already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 250
Pages 66 and 67

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 250, $500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Our Pride Academy to establish a child care training program for individuals with developmental disabilities."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 250, $1,928,198 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the following projects:"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"Area Stage Company (ASC) Developmental Disabilities
Theater Program for Children.......................... 150,000"

The following is vetoed because the provider does not serve individuals in APD's
waiver program.

"JAPCO Children's Ability Center.......................................................... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"Operation Grow - Seminole County Work Opportunity Program... 323,060"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"Quest Kids................................................................. 750,000"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"Sabrina Cohen Foundation - Accessible Beach Access.............. 65,000"

The following is vetoed because the organization already receives $500,000 from the state to provide similar services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

"Special Olympics of Florida - Transportation Services........ 80,000"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"United Cerebral Palsy at Golden Glades......................... 60,338"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"Angels Reach Foundation, Inc..................................................... 50,000"

The following are vetoed because they are not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"ARK of Nassau.......................................................... 90,000"

"Mailman Center for Child Development................................. 150,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 253A, $78,300 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the ARC Jacksonville Village and the Villages at Noah's Landing for services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 253A
Page 67

"253A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY THE ARC VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND .......... 500,000"
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 253A, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the ARC Village in Jacksonville to provide facilities enhancements, safety features, and amenities to the independent living community housing persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 253C
Pages 67 and 68

"253C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PALM BEACH HABILITATION CENTER FACILITY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR NEW CONSTRUCTION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 649,111

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 253C, the nonrecurring sum of $166,511 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Palm Beach Habilitation Center for roofing repairs or replacement.

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 253C, the nonrecurring sum of $482,600 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Palm Beach Habilitation Center for the repair or replacement of fire safety and potable water systems."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates $29.1 million in increased funding for community-based care lead agencies.

Specific Appropriation 312
Page 77

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the nonrecurring sum of $250,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Children's Network of Southwest Florida for the Mentoring Children and Parents program."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the nonrecurring sum of $250,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Victory For Youth, Inc., for the Share Your Heart program."
The following is vetoed because it duplicates $29.1 million in increased funding for community-based care lead agencies.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the nonrecurring sum of $1,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Brevard C.A.R.E.S. for prevention services to youth who are at-risk of encountering the juvenile justice system."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the nonrecurring sum of $350,000 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided to Children of Inmates, Inc., to provide care coordination services to foster care children in the Jacksonville area that have a parent incarcerated in prison or jail."

The following are vetoed because sufficient funding exists within these programs.

Specific Appropriation 336
Page 80

"From the funds in Specific Appropriations 336 and 337, the recurring sum of $1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for cost of living increases for the following providers:

South Florida State Hospital................................. 480,000
Florida Civil Commitment Center............................ 360,000
Treasure Coast.................................................. 307,842
South Florida Evaluation & Treatment Center.............. 352,158"

The following are vetoed because they are not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 363
Pages 81 and 82

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 363, the nonrecurring sum of $100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Citrus Health Network for the Safe Haven for Homeless Youth Program."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 363, the nonrecurring sum of $189,794 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust for services to the homeless."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.
Specific Appropriation 365
Page 82

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 365, the nonrecurring sum of
$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Eckerd and Brevard
C.A.R.E.S. to provide homelessness intervention and prevention services."

The following is vetoed because the objectives of these services are already funded
through the Education budget.

Specific Appropriation 377M
Page 84

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of
$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department
of Children and Families to contract directly with The Non-Violence
Project USA, Inc. (NVPUSA Healthcare) for the purpose of expanding NVPUSA
Healthcare's program for behavioral health services in schools in the
following counties: Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, and Polk."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 377M
Pages 86 and 87

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of
$30,571 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Key Clubhouse
for behavioral health support services."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of
$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Florida
Certification Board's Behavioral Health Training Center."

The following are vetoed because they duplicate record level funding for statewide
graduate medical education programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of
$300,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Manatee Glens' Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency program in psychiatry."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of
$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Citrus Health
Network's Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency program in psychiatry."
The following are vetoed because they duplicate already existing statewide programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $250,000 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided to Vincent House for behavioral health treatment or support services.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $496,400 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided to contract with managing entities in Northeast Florida and Southeast Florida for the purpose of expanding forensic community residential beds for individuals who are on a waitlist to be discharged from state contracted forensic facilities."

The following is vetoed because it pays for an electronic medical record system for a private organization.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $400,000 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided to Directions for Living."

The following are vetoed because they are not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare or duplicate already existing statewide programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $50,000 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided to the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $935,871 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Specialized Treatment, Education & Prevention Services, Inc., for comprehensive substance abuse prevention, intervention, education, and treatment services.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377M, the nonrecurring sum of $650,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Gracepoint's Incompetent to Proceed program."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 377V
Page 88

"377V GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ................................................. 90,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 377V, the nonrecurring sum of $90,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. for facility renovations associated with a Health Home for Individuals with Severe Mental Illnesses and Substance Use Disorders."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 400
Page 91

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 400, $386,033 from the General Revenue Fund and $589,537 from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund are provided to increase the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by 50 slots in Pinellas County, effective July 1, 2015."

The following are vetoed because they are not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 400A
Pages 91 and 92

"400A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATS ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ............................................. 500,000
FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND .......................... 500,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 400A, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Violeta Duenas Senior Center.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 400A, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund is provided as follows:

 Community Life Center Nassau County Council on Aging.............. 250,000
 Pasco Elderly Nutrition Kitchen........................................... 250,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.
Specific Appropriation 414
Page 93

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 414, $750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., to provide guardianship services to the indigent on a statewide basis."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 441
Page 96

"Banyan Community Health Center................................. 200,000"

The following are vetoed because the objectives of these services are already funded through the Education budget.

"Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families - Teen Xpress Program................................. 350,000
Keys Area Health Education Center................................. 100,000"

The following is vetoed because emergency room diversion is a statewide aim for Medicaid Managed Care and the intention behind various Low Income Pool funds.

"Manatee ER Diversion................................................. 500,000"

The following is vetoed because the hospital can use the more than $11 million it is projected to receive in Low Income Pool funds and enhanced Medicaid payments to expand services to low income populations through this type of initiative.

"North Brevard Hospital District - Telemedicine Initiative... 121,629"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"Suncoast Community Health Centers............................ 500,000"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"The Villages Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Project................................................. 400,000"

The following is vetoed because the funds cannot be used for services, and therefore it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 441, $9,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund, of which $500,000 is nonrecurring, is provided to
the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics."

The following are vetoed because they duplicate record funding for statewide graduate medical education programs.

Specific Appropriation 442A
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"442A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - RURAL PRIMARY CARE
RESIDENCY SLOTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 3,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 442A, $3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Florida State University College of Medicine in fulfillment of its mission pursuant to section 1004.42, Florida Statutes, to develop and oversee a rural primary care residency program. These funds shall be used to provide residency training and rural rotations for the Florida State University College of Medicine residents in the Agency for Health Care Administration District 1, sub-district 1, sub-district 2, sub-district 2-1, and District 8, sub-district 2."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 448
Page 98

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 448, $400,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Division of Community Health Promotion Bureau of Chronic Disease for grants to auditory-oral early intervention programs serving deaf children from birth to age seven in multiple counties including rural and underserved areas. These early intervention programs must solely offer auditory-oral educational habilitation and services, as defined in section 1002.391, Florida Statutes, and have a supervisor and faculty members who are credentialed as Certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialists."

The following are vetoed because they are not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"Doctor's Memorial Hospital - Bonifay......................... 417,000"

"Florida Center for Nursing........................................ 250,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.
"Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Association................. 200,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 449
Page 98

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 449, $497,500 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department of Health to fund the Miami-Dade County Healthy Start Coalition and federally qualified health centers to integrate the Nurse-Family Partnership model to provide intensive nurse visitation services for women and their infants. From these funds, the department shall use $10,000 to contract with the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office for process and outcome data identification, management, and analysis. Any needed training and programmatic support will also be provided."

The following are vetoed because they are biomedical research funding projects allocated on an uncompetitive basis to institutions not affiliated with academic institutions in the state. Direct appropriations to these entities would also not provide the appropriate safeguards on taxpayer investment that is provided in the Enterprise Florida, Inc.-Department of Economic Opportunity vetting process.

Specific Appropriation 454
Page 99

"454 SPECIAL CATEGORIES
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ........ 6,250,000
FROM BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND ........ 3,000,000"

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 454, $3,000,000 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund is provided to the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 454, $2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund, of which $2,000,000 is nonrecurring, is provided to the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 454, $3,750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the following projects:

Ruskamp Institute for Oncology Drug Development........... 250,000
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Scripps Research Institute .......................... 1,000,000  
Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute of Florida........ 2,500,000"

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 461A  
Page 100

"Sanyan Maternal and Child Health Center.................... 200,000  
Health Care Network of Southwest Florida - Naples Primary  
Care Clinic........................................... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because the hospital system generates millions in profits to be reinvested into the community for this purpose, receives millions in Low Income Pool funds for this purpose, and receives all of the millions in local tax revenue raised for this purpose.

Specific Appropriation 465  
Page 101

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 465, $350,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the North Broward Hospital District to increase the provision of services to individuals with HIV/AIDS and purchase a mobile testing unit to assess patients in the field and assign them to community care."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 497  
Page 105

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 497, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Health Council of South Florida."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 504  
Page 106

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 504, $300,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to A Safe Haven for Newborns."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost,
quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 513
Page 107

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 513, $1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis for brain and spinal cord injury research."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

Specific Appropriation 527
Pages 109 and 110

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 527, $250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Department of Health and the Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council to work in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, including but not limited to, the Children's Medical Services Program, Local Early Steps providers, Area Health Education Centers, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Department of Education to conduct a statewide marketing campaign to promote Bright Expectations - the Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities - established pursuant to section 163.144, Florida Statutes. The statewide marketing campaign shall be designed to educate the broadest population permissible under the funds provided in this Specific Appropriation and shall include, but not be limited to, social media, print, radio, and the proliferation of informational pamphlets in all health care settings where the target market receives health care services."

The following is vetoed because the hospital is already incentivized to reduce lengths of stay and receives $56 million through the Low Income Pool and special Medicaid rate enhancements to care for low income populations. The total funding for this project is less than one percent of the hospital's overall profitability.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 527, $350,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to All Children's Hospital for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome awareness."

The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 527, $50,000 in nonrecurring
funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Guardian Hands Foundation to raise awareness of rare diseases."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates already existing statewide programs.

Specific Appropriation 530
Page 110

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 530, $100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Master Seals in Volusia and Flagler Counties to provide autism assessment and diagnostic services."

SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget for Criminal Justice and Corrections provides funding to ensure communities are safe for Florida families and visitors. Safer communities mean that more families and businesses will move to Florida and bring jobs and investment. Florida’s recidivism rate has declined 6.2 percent in the past four years and crime rate is at its lowest level in 44 years. These declines can be attributed to sentencing laws that hold offenders accountable, the continued requirement that inmates serve 85 percent of their sentence, the good work of law enforcement officers, and ensuring law enforcement agencies and officers have the effective tools and technologies they need.

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget provides a $13.2 million investment in evidence-based reentry programs to assist inmates in reintegrating back into the community to help them live successful, crime-free lives. Providing comprehensive reentry services reduces further victimization and the likelihood a released inmate will return to prison.

This budget also provides $39.3 million in evidence-based community substance abuse and mental health treatment. Providing treatment to non-violent drug offenders and those with mental health issues greatly reduces the chances an offender will relapse and commit further crimes.

To prevent youth from entering the criminal justice system, this budget provides an increase of $3.7 million in evidence-based prevention services for a total of $85 million. Evidence-based prevention and transition services have been proven to reduce at-risk youth involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Programs that circumvent the agency evaluation process present challenges as to whether they provide the best return on investment for taxpayers and public safety outcomes for Florida families. The following is vetoed because funding for planning and construction of county buildings is the responsibility of local government.
Specific Appropriation 720A
Page 130

"720A  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND
CONSTRUCTION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 1,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 720A, $1,000,000 in
nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to Escambia County to
repair, renovate, restore, or replace the damaged Escambia County
Booking and Detention Facility."

The following is vetoed because felony probation supervision is the statutory
responsibility of the Department of Corrections.

Specific Appropriation 726
Page 130 and 131

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 726, $250,000 in nonrecurring
general revenue funds is provided for the Department of Corrections to
contract with the University of Florida to develop recommendations and a
plan by which the State of Florida can transfer responsibility for
community supervision of felony offenders to the Sheriff of each county.
The plan shall include: 1) a timeline for transition; 2) a specific
mechanism to address statewide management issues; and 3) costs necessary
to implement the plan. The University of Florida shall provide a report
detailing the recommendations and plan for implementation of a county
sheriff based probation system to the chair of the Senate Appropriations
Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by
November 1, 2015. The department shall provide the University of Florida
any requested information and assistance necessary to complete the
report."

The following are vetoed because the projects were not subjected to any process to
validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model that would ensure
successful outcomes for inmates reintegrating back into the community.

Specific Appropriation 766
Pages 135 and 136

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $150,000 in
nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to Second Chance Outreach
Re-entry and Education Development, Inc., for operation of its reentry
program to assist inmates and ex-inmates with successful transition back into the community.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $228,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Lake County Reentry Center to reduce criminal activity and recidivism by adult criminal offenders. The Lake County Reentry Center will expand and enhance substance abuse treatment and other recovery and reentry services for adult offenders returning to the Lake County community after incarceration.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $50,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to ReEntry Alliance Pensacola, Inc., for implementation and operation of a reentry program to assist ex-offenders with successful transition back into the community after release from incarceration.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $200,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided to Mount Olive Development Corporation to implement and operate a reentry program to assist ex-felons in the Fort Lauderdale area with reentry into the community and the job market. The program will primarily focus upon assisting ex-felons who have contracted HIV/AIDS.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to WestCare Foundation -Pinellas Prisoner Reentry Initiative for implementation and operation of a program to reduce criminal activity and recidivism by adult offenders returning to Pinellas County after incarceration.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $200,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program. The Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program provides pre-release activities such as substance abuse counseling, anger management, employment skills, drug and alcohol awareness education, family counseling, job search training, GED preparation, and horticultural training. The reentry program partners with the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce to connect inmates with employment opportunities following release.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $97,000 in recurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the SOAR Outreach Program for chronically homeless persons in Jacksonville. The funds must be used for salaries, equipment, and necessary expenses for two SOAR specialists to meet with chronically homeless persons who are incarcerated in order to
assist them with obtaining SSI or SSDI benefits for which they are eligible upon release. The SOAR specialists will follow up with their clients upon release and coordinate with local social service providers to maximize the effect of the outreach program and increase the likelihood that timely assistance will reduce the risk of criminal recidivism.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, $350,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Bridges to Success Ex-offender reentry program. The reentry program will provide pre-release and post-release success planning; family re-unification; employment training, placement and retention; and coordinate services in Pinellas County for individuals reentering the community from state incarceration. Post-release services may only be provided for formerly incarcerated persons who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry into the Bridges to Success Ex-offender reentry program.

The following are vetoed because the projects were not subjected to any process to validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model that would ensure successful outcomes for inmates reintegrating back into the community.

Specific Appropriation 766A
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"766A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . . . 400,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766A, $400,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program. Funds used for startup activities for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may not exceed 25 percent of the total funds appropriated. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will provide pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated inmates who may be eligible for Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program services upon release. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance to offenders on community supervision. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may also provide such post-release services to formerly incarcerated persons (ex-inmates) who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry into the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program.
Eligibility for participation in the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program is limited to inmates, offenders on community supervision, and recently released ex-inmates who are transitioning back into the communities and workforce of Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla counties. The department may request a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding between Specific Appropriation 616, 628, 641, 726 and 766 in order to serve incarcerated inmates as well as persons under community corrections supervision.

Although substance abuse and mental health treatment reduces recidivism and further criminal and destructive behavior, the following are vetoed because they were not subjected to any review process to determine the services provided would be evidence-based with proven outcomes that reduce recidivism and further criminal behavior.

Specific Appropriation 771
Page 117

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 771, $250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Salvation Army - Bob James Triage and Low Demand Center to reduce the number of persons with known mental illness or substance abuse issues who are arrested and sent to the Lee County Jail for low-level, non-violent offenses.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 771, $500,000 in recurring general revenue funds is appropriated to Northside Mental Health Center to implement a primary and behavioral health integration project for adults with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) in Hillsborough County. The project will provide intensive support by an integrated wellness team that includes a Registered Nurse, a Masters level therapist, and a Bachelor level wellness coach to address health issues stemming from SMI and SMI medications and reduce criminal activity and incarceration."

The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Juvenile Justice. The current budget includes $5.3 million for Juvenile Assessment Centers.

Specific Appropriation 1153
Page 183

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1153, $500,000 in recurring general revenue funds shall be used for a juvenile assessment center in Broward County."
The following are vetoed because they were not subjected to any process to validate that the programs would utilize evidence-based prevention programming with proven outcomes to prevent at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system or because it provides funding for a non-public fixed capital outlay project.

Specific Appropriation 1203
Page 188

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $125,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Helping Hands Youth Centers for after-school crime prevention programs in Miami.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $750,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for Crosswinds Youth Services serving all of Brevard County.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $200,000 from recurring general revenue funds is provided for Reichert House Youth Academy to provide after school prevention and intervention services for disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $100,000 from recurring general revenue funds is provided for the Miami-Dade Crime Prevention and Youth Crime Watch Program to help educate and reduce crime in Miami-Dade County.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $100,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided to the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC of Tampa) to provide work readiness training, skills training, job placement, and mentoring for youth in the Tampa Bay area.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $100,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Empowered Youth program to foster job development for at-risk inner city youth in Miami.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $200,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Family Impressions Foundation for the Youth Success 101 program. The program focuses on at-risk youth aged 13-18 in North Miami and North Miami Beach and is designed to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve parent and child relationships, and encourage and support obtaining college degrees.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, $300,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Florida Children's Initiative to operate prevention programs in Jacksonville,
The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for taxpayer investment in public safety.

Specific Appropriation 1205
Page 189

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1205, $1,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for facilities repair and maintenance of Children/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) shelters."

The following are vetoed because purchasing equipment for local law enforcement is the responsibility of local government.

Specific Appropriation 1259
Pages 194 and 195

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $500,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided to the Broward Sheriff’s Office for enhancement of its Violence Intervention Pro-Active Enforcement Response Team (V.I.P.E.R.). This pilot program will implement new intelligence-led policing approaches through additional staff, equipment, and analytical resources to specifically target activities of known violent felons. The gauge of the effectiveness of the new approaches will be whether there is a significant, measurable decrease in violent crime rates in Broward County. The Broward Sheriff’s Office shall provide a report on the effectiveness of the program to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2016."

The following is vetoed because the project was not subjected to a process to validate that the program would use an evidence-based approach to provide rehabilitation services with proven outcomes.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue is provided for the City of Fort Lauderdale Justice Program. The program will provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults through career opportunities, leadership experience, character education, citizenship, and life skills."

The following is vetoed because the maintenance of equipment for a county fire department is a local responsibility.
"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $43,000 in nonrecurring general revenue is provided for the Martin County Hazardous Materials Response Team for equipment maintenance."

The following is vetoed because it duplicates services already provided through other state programs.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $200,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Florida International University Applied Research Center to work with state agencies to assess Florida’s implementation of the 2015-2018 Statewide Information Technology Security Plan to ensure that appropriate measures are being pursued to protect privacy in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technologies standards. The Applied Research Center shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to each participating state agency by June 30, 2016."

The following are vetoed because purchasing equipment for local law enforcement is the responsibility of local government.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $150,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the El Portal Police Department for purchase of non-lethal devices, patrol vehicles, radios, and laser measuring devices.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1259, $150,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated to the Medley Police Department for officer training and operation of an Explorers program to engage youth, and to purchase tactical armor, protective gear, body armor, and video surveillance equipment unrelated to red light cameras."

SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" recommended budget for FY 2015-16 outlined key investments needed to protect and restore Florida’s iconic natural resources, building on the momentum gained over the last four years. For instance, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget recommended establishing dedicated funding for Everglades restoration, Springs protection, and land management and acquisition. By establishing dedicated funding for key ecosystem restoration projects, long-term planning would be encouraged, delays in critical projects would be minimized and Floridians could feel confident that the finish line for projects would be reached. Key investments in areas such as Florida’s nationally recognized state parks system, beach restoration, hazardous waste cleanup, and Florida’s citrus industry were also recommended.
The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget takes significant strides in accomplishing many of these goals. Springs protection and restoration projects were provided more than $45 million in funding, more than half of which was provided as recurring funding. This record level of funding for Springs builds on the success of the last three years and clearly demonstrates Florida’s commitment to protecting these natural treasures. Everglades restoration projects received more than $106 million, and like Springs projects, more than half of that amount was provided as recurring funding, demonstrating a lasting commitment to the River of Grass. In addition, similar to the recommendations of the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget, more than $30 million was invested in increased land management to ensure we appropriately care for the natural lands that future generations are depending on us to maintain. Other critical investments in our environment include:

- $ 24 million for repairs and improvements to the Florida State Park System;
- $ 32 million for the restoration of Florida’s world renowned beaches;
- $ 132 million for the cleanup of leaking underground petroleum tanks; and
- $ 8 million for citrus research to combat citrus greening.

While this budget sets the stage for continued progress in preserving Florida’s natural resources, with the implementation of Amendment 1 we must continue to strive to accomplish even more. To that end, the following vetoes will help reserve funds so that resources are available in the next fiscal year to continue moving towards dedicated funding for key established environmental efforts such as Everglades restoration and reducing discharges to south Florida’s estuaries, springs protection, land management, and investing in Florida Forever.

The following is vetoed because funds are limited to a specific patented technology and are not competitively bid to determine the project and vendor that will provide the highest level of nutrient reduction per dollar.

Specific Appropriation 1380

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1380, $5,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for operations and maintenance for the newest hybrid wetland/chemical treatment systems and two floating aquatic vegetative tilling treatment systems. The department shall prepare an annual cost report of actual expenditures and the cumulative amount and percent reduction of phosphorus concentration for all the hybrid wetland/chemical treatment systems and floating aquatic vegetative tilling treatment systems. The annual report shall be provided to the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget. By December 31, 2015, the department shall submit a cost report for the prior 12-month period for the four projects currently in operation."
The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of the $45 million provided in line 1639 to the Department of Environmental Protection for Springs restoration.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1380, $5,000,000 in recurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund is provided for cost-share to expedite Best Management Practices implementation and system efficiency conversions in freshwater springs recharge areas."

The following is vetoed because water storage projects are more appropriately supported by the water management districts.

Specific Appropriation 1380A
Page 209

"1380A  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
   PASSIVE DISPERSED WATER STORAGE
   FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . .  4,500,000"

The following is vetoed because a clear statewide return on investment has not been demonstrated at this time.

Specific Appropriation 1390A
Page 211

"1390A  FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
   MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION - STATEWIDE
   FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND .  3,712,872"

The following is vetoed because it is not necessary for the core mission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Specific Appropriation 1470
Page 220

"1470  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
   GRANTS AND AIDS - PROMOTIONAL AWARDS
   FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . .  250,000
   FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND .  300,000"

The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment justifying the additional investment of state funds in the project at this time.
Specific Appropriation 1474A
Page 220

"1474A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
   NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
   FLORIDA HORSE PARK
   FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND .......... 2,000,000

   From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1474A, up to 10
   percent may be used for administrative costs for the Florida Horse Park."

The following are vetoed because these projects did not go through the established
competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and
recommended by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services based on
measurable and positive outcomes, pursuant to s. 288.1175, F.S.

Specific Appropriation 1474B
Pages 220 and 221

"Arcadia Rodeo......................................................... 250,000"

"Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Association................. 500,000"

"Timer Powers Park......................................................... 100,000"

The following is vetoed because funds are being provided for upgrades and repairs
to the existing facility in line 1489A to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services.

Specific Appropriation 1489B
Page 222

"1489B FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
   CONSTRUCTION - ADDITIONS KISSIMMEE
   DIAGNOSTIC LAB
   FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND . 1,162,232

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1489B, from the General
Inspection Trust Fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services are contingent upon the sale of property described as the land
lying south of Carroll Street in Osceola County described as the north
half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9,
Township 25 South, Range 29 East."

The following is vetoed because federal funds that have supported this program are
being replaced by state funds, expanding the size and role of state government.
Specific Appropriation 1500
Page 224

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1500, $150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for removal and destruction of infested avocado trees that are acting as hosts and breeding factories for pests and disease."

The following is vetoed because there is no documented need or request from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for this project.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1500, $100,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for The Florida Wildflower Foundation Pollination and Preservation Project for highway projects, state parks plant material and curriculum and publication development."

The following is vetoed because a clear statewide return on investment has not been demonstrated at this time.

Specific Appropriation 1502
Page 224

"1502  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL
SCIENCES FOR INVASIVE EXOTICS QUARANTINE
FACILITY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 180,000
FROM PLANT INDUSTRY TRUST FUND . . . 720,000"

The following is vetoed because investments in educational facilities should be determined through the established education funding opportunities for Florida colleges and universities.

Specific Appropriation 1503B
Page 224

"1503B  FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
APIARY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION LABORATORY -
DMS MGD
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 2,528,842"
The following is vetoed because investments in educational facilities should be
determined through the established education funding opportunities for Florida
colleges and universities.

Specific Appropriation 1503C
Page 224

"1503C  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE GREENHOUSE AND
SCIENCE LABORATORIES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 643,650"

The following is vetoed because other solutions have been proposed in the budget
for food, nutrition and wellness, such as the school lunch and fresh fruit and
vegetable programs within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Specific Appropriation 1510A
Page 225

"1510A  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - OUNCE OF PREVENTION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 150,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1510A, $75,000 in recurring
funds and $75,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
provided for Florida Children's Initiatives: community gardens, healthy
eating, fitness activities and 4-H clubs."

The following is vetoed because existing resources are available to determine the
feasibility of purchasing additional lands. The Department of Environmental
Protection is committed to meeting the needs of Gasparilla Island State Park and
the community.

Specific Appropriation 1561
Page 230

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1561, $1,000,000 in
nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the
Department of Environmental Protection for the assessment and evaluation
of additional lands within the optimum park boundary of Gasparilla
Island State Park for potential purchase."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established statutory review
process for land acquisition.
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Specific Appropriation 1568A  
Pages 230 and 231

"1568A  SPECIAL CATEGORIES  
TRANSFER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH  
FLORIDA SARASOTA-MANATEE  
FROM INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST  
FUND  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 850,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1568A, $850,000 is provided to the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee for the sale of a state land parcel involving the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee's campus bookstore/Viking property to the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority. Release of funds is contingent upon the sale, for $850,000, of the property located at 6321 North Tamiami Trail, parcel #0001040003, in Sarasota County, Florida. The proposed transaction may be considered by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 18-2.018(3)(b)(c). Pursuant to chapter 253, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall consider the offer from the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority to purchase the property located at 6321 North Tamiami Trail, parcel #0001040003, in Sarasota County, Florida, no later than June 30, 2016."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established statutory review process for land acquisition.

Specific Appropriation 1571A  
Page 231

"1571A  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
HELENA RUN PRESERVE  
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND  . . 600,000"

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established statutory review process for land acquisition.

Specific Appropriation 1571B  
Page 231

"1571B  GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
GRANTS AND AIDS - CITY OF WINTER PARK  
HOWELL CREEK WETLANDS ACQUISITION,
The following is vetoed because this program is more appropriately supported by the water management districts without using additional state funds.

Specific Appropriation 1616A
Page 236

"1616A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

DISPERSED WATER MANAGEMENT
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . 13,650,000
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . . 13,650,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1616A, the department shall provide funds to water management districts for dispersed water management and water farming projects, and may enter into contracts for projects located in more than one water management district."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process, such as that for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Specific Appropriation 1616B
Pages 236 and 237

"1616B SPECIAL CATEGORIES

TRANSFER TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - CITY OF LAUDERHILL
PARKWAY PARK / NORTH FORK OF NEW RIVER
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . 850,000

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1616B are provided to the South Florida Water Management District for the design of a new linear parkway park along the North Fork of the New River to connect the greenway system in the City of Lauderhill. The South Florida Water Management District shall begin project design no later than October 1, 2016."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established statutory review process for land acquisition.

Specific Appropriation 1620A
Page 237

"1620A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
AID TO WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS-LAND
ACQUISITION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 1,000,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 1620A are provided to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Heritage Lake Estates Conservation Easement in Pasco County for flood protection."

The following is vetoed because a clear statewide return on investment has not been demonstrated at this time.

Specific Appropriation 1659A
Page 242

"1659A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
TRANSFER TO THE INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES - WATER POLLUTION
STUDY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 300,000"

One of Florida's most important resources is water. The Department of Environmental Protection and the state's five water management districts provide funding to protect the quality and quantity of Florida's water supply. These agencies work to ensure that Floridians' tax dollars are spent in a manner that will provide a demonstrable improvement statewide through an open and public process. While some water projects may also contribute to a statewide objective, not all projects demonstrate an ability to clearly contribute to a statewide investment.

The following projects are vetoed because they did not provide a clear statewide return for the investment.

Specific Appropriation 1662A
Pages 242 through 245

"2085 County Road 740 Wastewater Project, Webster.............. 197,000
Alachua County Orange Creek Restoration......................... 100,000
Altamonte Springs Advanced Wastewater Treatment Potable
Reuse Demonstration (Wekiva River Basin)...................... 6,000,000"

"Aventura NE 29 Place South Stormwater Retrofits........... 195,000"

"Bay County North Bay Wastewater Collection Systems Improvement........................................... 500,000
Bay Harbor Islands Sewer Manhole Lining Project............. 100,000
Belle Glade SW 3rd Street Storm Water Improvements........ 400,000"
"Brooksville Horse Lake Creek - Eastern Branch Drainage Restoration" .......................................................... 500,000
Brooksville Liberty Street / Saxon Brook Drainage Corrections............................................................... 150,000
Broward County Wetland Rehydration.......................................................... 75,000"
"Cedar Key Water and Sewer District Water Plant" ................................................... 300,000"
"Chattahoochee Water Line Replacement Project" .................................................. 300,000"
"Coconut Creek Reclaimed Water Extension Project" ........................................... 500,000"
"Cooper City Replacement of Water Mains" ........................................ 250,000
Coral Gables Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Drainage........................................ 200,000
Coral Gables Wet Well Rehabilitation.......................................................... 80,000"
"Dade City Downtown Stormwater Improvement Project" ................................ 1,900,000"
"Desoto County US 17 Water Extension; Water Sewer Line Extension in Coordination with FDOT Construction" 500,000
"Doral Stormwater Improvements" ......................................................... 325,000"
"Fernandina Beach North Fletcher Basin Area" .................................................. 1,000,000"
"Hialeah Gardens Water Conservation" .......................................................... 300,000"
"Kissimmee Wood Side Drainage" .......................................................... 250,000"
"Lake Hamilton US 27 Wastewater Project" .................................................. 300,000
Lake Region Water Infrastructure Improvement............................................ 500,000
Lake Worth Stormwater and Wastewater.......................................................... 500,000
Lantana Sea Pines Drainage Improvement Project........................................ 100,000"
"Leon County Centerville Trace Target Area Project" .................................... 250,000"
Madeira Beach Stormwater Retrofits.......................................................... 145,000
Mala Compra Basin Water Quality Enhancement Project.................................. 600,000"
"Margate New Force Main Project" .......................................................... 250,000
Margate Sewer Re-piping Phase II.......................................................... 200,000"
"Medley NW 87th Avenue Utility Adjustments" ........................................... 300,000"
"Miami Beach Stormwater Project" ......................................................... 750,000
Miami Gardens Stormwater Drainage Improvements on NW 13 Avenue........ 175,000
Miami Lakes Canal Bank Stabilization Project Phase II........ 500,000*

"Miami Lakes West Lakes Drainage Improvements Phase B........ 300,000*

"Mount Dora Britt Road Utility Extension Water Line.......... 750,000
Nassau County Thomas Creek Flooding Assistance................. 350,000
North Lauderdale Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation................. 500,000
North Miami Beach 19th Avenue Business District Sewering... 425,000
North Miami Tressler Street Drainage Improvements............. 250,000
Oakland - South Lake Apopka Initiative.......................... 1,000,000*

"Opa-Locka Canal Improvements.................................. 250,000*

"Palmetto Bay Drainage Sub-Basin No 59 and 60.................. 225,000
Pembroke Park SW 31st Avenue Drainage Project Phase II........ 100,000*

"Pithlachascotee River Restoration................................ 187,000*

"Sarasota County Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement
Program-Sarasota Bay Restoration Project....................... 250,000*

"South Daytona Jones St. Stormwater Pond Project............... 190,000
South Miami Twin Lakes Sanitary Sewer Expansion................. 200,000
South Miami Twin Lakes Stormwater Drainage Phase III.......... 200,000*

"Sunrise C-51 Reservoir Water Supply Expansion.................. 1,000,000
Sweetwater Stormwater Improvements................................ 250,000
Tallahassee Lower Central Drainage Ditch Erosion Control
Phase I.............................................................. 409,620*

"Winter Garden SW Reuse Phase 2-C.R.545 Reuse Main Extension. 193,380*

"Zephyrhills Fire Protection Water Line........................... 450,000*

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review
process.

Specific Appropriation 1693A
Page 248

"1693A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP - FIXED
CAPITAL OUTLAY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ...... 250,000*
The following is vetoed because it circumvents the Department of Environmental Protection's process of prioritizing projects that are in the greatest need of repair or provide the highest return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 1707
Pages 249 and 250

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1707, $300,000 is provided to construct and furnish a visitors center at Lover's Key State Park."

The following is vetoed because it is duplicative of the $24 million provided in lines 1707 and 1709 for state park repairs and improvements.

Specific Appropriation 1707A
Page 250

"1707A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . 250,000"

The following are vetoed because they circumvent the established grant review process, such as that for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Specific Appropriation 1712A
Page 250

"1712A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY LOCAL PARKS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . 450,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1712A, shall be used for the following local parks:

Spring Park in the City of Green Cove Springs................. 400,000
Orange City Mill Lake Park adult outdoor fitness equipment.. 50,000"

The following is vetoed because the program currently receives local ad valorem funding for the services provided and funding is for a localized area without a demonstrated statewide benefit.

Specific Appropriation 1759A
Page 255
The following is vetoed because it prevents the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from contracting for red tide research through a competitive bid process. Red tide research will still be performed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with the funds provided in line 1857.

Specific Appropriation 1845A
Page 263
"1845A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - MOTE MARINE LABORATORY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ........ 500,000"

Department of Transportation

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget includes $9.3 billion to fully fund the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Five-year Work Program and to ensure that Florida's transportation infrastructure remains among the best in the nation. Maintaining the quality of Florida's transportation network is vital to enhancing economic competitiveness, creating and retaining transportation-related jobs, providing efficient movement of goods, and improving the quality of life for Florida's families.

The development of the Five-year Work Program is a locally-driven, project prioritization process where local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and residents work collaboratively with DOT to decide their local transportation needs and state priorities. Ensuring projects follow DOT's prioritization process is critical to ensuring they provide the best return on taxpayer investment for Florida families.

The following is vetoed because this program is duplicative of services provided by the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission, which is funded at $53 million.

Specific Appropriation 1868
Page 266

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1868, $2,500,000 of nonrecurring funds from the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund is provided to the Commission on Transportation Disadvantaged to develop and implement a program that addresses unmet non-Medicaid related transportation needs in rural areas of the state. The Commission shall develop a grant program to allocate these funds to community transportation coordinators based on a formula which takes into account
demonstrated local unmet transportation needs in rural areas. By October 31, 2015, the Commission shall establish guidelines, application procedures, and accountability measures, and a timeline to implement the new grant program in Fiscal Year 2015-2016."

The following are vetoed because these projects circumvent the Transportation Work Program process of evaluating aviation projects, which are funded at $369 million in this budget.

Specific Appropriation 1871
Page 266

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1871, a portion of the funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fort Lauderdale Airport Terminal - Broward............... 1,000,000
Commercial Jet Aviation Training Center - Hendry.......... 3,000,000
Brooksville - Tampa Bay Regional Airport.................. 3,000,000
Pensacola International Airport.............................. 3,000,000"

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.

Specific Appropriation 1880
Page 267

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1880, $250,000 shall be used to complete a corridor study along Flase Boulevard (SR 519) in the City of Rockledge, focusing specifically on traffic safety upgrades and improvements."

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.

Specific Appropriation 1894
Page 268

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1894, $10,000,000 is provided for Quiet Zone improvements in response to the use of locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings. The Department of Transportation shall create a grant program for quiet zones requested by local agencies to provide funding of up to 50 percent of the nonfederal and nonprivate share of the total costs of any qualifying quiet zone capital improvement project."
The Department of Transportation will coordinate and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to provide technical support to local agencies in the development of quiet zone plans. Local agencies may apply for grant funds after its quiet zone plan is approved by the department.

The Department of Transportation will monitor crossing incidents at approved quiet zone locations and have the right to revoke the quiet zone(s) at any time if a significant deterioration in safety results from quiet zone implementation.

The following is vetoed because the project circumvents the Transportation Work Program process.

Specific Appropriation 1906
Page 269

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1906, $250,000 of nonrecurring funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund is appropriated for a pilot program for a pre-combustion contact catalyst to be utilized on off-road equipment utilized for projects conducted during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 within a district selected by the department. The pre-combustion contact catalyst pilot program must establish protocols with the company selected to provide the pre-combustion contact catalyst. The department shall submit an interim report on the pilot program to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2016, and a final report is due no later than June 30, 2016."

The following are vetoed because these projects circumvent the Transportation Work Program process.

Specific Appropriation 1916
Page 270

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1916, a portion of the funds shall be allocated as follows:

The Underline Linear Park and Urban Trail - Miami-Dade..... 2,000,000
Ludlam Trail Corridor Improvements Phase 2 - Miami-Dade..... 3,000,000
Winter Garden Franklin Street Trail - Orange.................. 250,000
Village of Tequesta Transportation Alternatives - Palm Bch.. 200,000
Black Creek Trail Segment B - Miami-Dade.................... 200,000
James E. King Jr. Recreational Trail - Putnam............... 200,000
Terry Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements - Bonita Springs................................. 203,000
Biscayne-Everglades Park-to-Park Greenway Trail .................................. 1,500,000
Orchard Pond Parkway Trail - Leon ........................................ 400,000

The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the Economic Development Transportation - Road Fund evaluation process.

Specific Appropriation 1927
Pages 271 and 272

"City of Fernandina Beach - N. Fletcher Road - Nassau........ 1,000,000
Lake Worth Park of Commerce - Palm Beach.......................... 3,500,000"

"Williamson Blvd Road - Volusia................................. 2,500,000"

"City of Sebring US 27 Lighting - Highlands.............. 1,000,000"

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development evaluation process.

"Port of Panama City Industrial Basin Improvements - Bay..... 1,000,000"

The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the Economic Development Transportation - Road Fund evaluation process.

"Burnt Store Road - Charlotte................................. 1,000,000"

"NE 163rd Str/NE 35th Ave Texas U Turn - City of North
Miami Beach.................................................. 1,000,000
174th Street Pedestrian Bridge, Sunny Isles - Miami-Dade... 1,000,000
Clearwater SR 60 Alternative Water Transportation - Pinellas 300,000
Britt Road Bridge Replacement Project - Martin............ 1,500,000"

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development evaluation process. One million dollars in state revenue has already been provided for this project to help it transition to greater economic viability.

"St. Johns River Ferry Phase II - Duval......................... 1,000,000"

The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the Economic Development Transportation - Road Fund evaluation process.

"Southwest Ranches Guardrail Improvements - Broward........ 362,250
Broadway Corridor/15th Street Infrastructure/Beautification,
Riviera Beach........................................ 500,000"
The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development evaluation process.

"Port Manatee Security Improvements

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Economic Development Transportation - Road Fund evaluation process.

"Sidewalk Safety Project - Lauderdale Lakes

SECTION 6 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 prioritized strategic investments in state facilities and reduced costs to taxpayers, while safeguarding the health and safety of Florida's citizens and visitors. For example, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget included $9.1 million to renovate three Florida National Guard armories and an additional $2.9 million to allow for the construction of the new Flagler Armory. In addition, the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget directed the reduction of the MyFloridaMarketPlace transaction fee, cutting the cost of doing business with the state by more than $6.5 million.

The Fiscal Year 2015-16 the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget, as passed by the Legislature, shares much of this vision, and also provides funds for armory renovation and construction. These, along with past investments, have significantly improved the Florida Guard's ability to maintain units, as the armories are currently being inspected in preparation for the upcoming Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). In addition, the budget includes $26.5 million to correct the most pressing deficiencies within the Florida
Facilities Pool and also reduced the transaction fee. The final "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget addresses other important needs, including:

- $1.5 million to develop the Florida Business and Information Portal, which will provide the information needed to start and operate a business in the state;
- $2 million to support job readiness and youth programs within the Department of Military Affairs; and
- $4.6 million for public safety communications systems that allow for interoperability between first responders.

Although the final "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget furthers a number of key efforts, it also includes several earmarked appropriations that limit the flexibility of agencies to react to the needs of Florida businesses while leading to the growth of government. The following vetoes ensure that state agencies will continue to have the flexibility to direct state funds as necessary to protect Floridians.

The following are vetoed because the specific media campaigns directed are more appropriately addressed by a private association. The appropriations would also reduce the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's flexibility to address and respond to unlicensed activity.

Specific Appropriation 2034
Pages 282 and 283

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2034, up to $500,000 from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to prevent, combat, and publicize the dangers of unlicensed real estate activity in Florida. The department shall develop, implement, and maintain an unlicensed activity campaign in consultation with a corporation that is registered under chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as a not-for-profit corporation and qualified under the Internal Revenue Service Code as a 501(c)(6) corporation, and that represents the largest number of licensed Florida real estate professionals. The campaign shall encompass media production, advertising, and other techniques that the department may wish to utilize after first consulting with the not-for-profit corporation. Special emphasis shall be placed on the investigation and prosecution of unlicensed real estate activities. To further the purpose of the unlicensed activity campaign, the department shall be authorized to accept in-kind contributions of services, media production, or advertising materials from the not-for-profit corporation. Any advertising, media, or materials produced as a result of contributions shall carry acknowledgements of joint production and sponsorship. The department may not allocate overhead charges to these unlicensed activity campaign funds."
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2034, up to $100,000 from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to institute an unlicensed activity campaign for the purpose of informing and educating the public: (1) that public accounting is a regulated profession with requirements of licensure pursuant to chapter 473, Florida Statutes; (2) that some services provided by unlicensed individuals, although legal, are regulated when provided by a licensed Florida Certified Public Accountant; and, (3) that certain services may only be performed by a licensed Florida Certified Public Accountant. The department shall develop the campaign in consultation with a corporation that is registered under chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as a not-for-profit corporation and qualified under the Internal Revenue Service Code as a 501(c)(6) corporation, and that represents the largest number of licensed Florida Certified Public Accountants. Any advertising, media, or materials produced as a result of contributions shall carry acknowledgements of joint production and sponsorship. The department may not allocate overhead charges to these unlicensed activity campaign funds."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2034, up to $250,000 from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to enhance department enforcement activities, as well as developing advertising and media campaigns to minimize unlicensed activity in the architecture and interior design professions. The department may not allocate overhead charges to these unlicensed activity functions."

The following is vetoed because it directs the transfer of regulatory funds to a non-government entity for a program that is more appropriately addressed by the industry.

Specific Appropriation 2038
Page 284

"The nonrecurring funds of $250,000 in Specific Appropriation 2038 are provided to Future Builders of America from fees collected pursuant to the surcharge authorized in section 553.721, Florida Statutes."

The following is vetoed because it provides additional resources for services already paid for by the state through the Department of Citrus and funds provided to the Citrus Research and Development Foundation.
Specific Appropriation 2149
Page 294

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2149, $500,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be transferred to the New Varieties Development & Management Corporation to support in-state citrus breeding programs and to develop and acquire new citrus varieties."

The following is vetoed because it provides additional resources for services already paid for by the state through the Department of Citrus and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' agriculture promotion campaign.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2149, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to collect economic and marketing data to facilitate developing consumer awareness programs."

The following are vetoed because they provide additional resources for advertising Florida citrus that is already achievable through the Department of Citrus or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' agriculture promotion campaign.

Specific Appropriation 2165
Page 295

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2165, $250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for citrus juice dispensed at the Florida Welcome Centers.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2165, $1,000,000 in recurring funds and $1,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund, is provided for programs that will raise the demand for, and awareness of, Florida citrus products. Twenty percent of the total funds shall be directed to Florida fresh fruit marketing and 80 percent shall be directed to Florida juice marketing."

Florida Incentives Toolkit

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget cuts taxes while making strategic investments that provide a high return on investments for families. The budget originally proposed an $85 million investment for the state's economic development toolkit, which provides a 10-to-1 return on taxpayer investment for Florida families. While the final budget passed by the Legislature funds about half of that request, dollars that traditionally were identified to benefit this successful program were diverted into line items that too often had no proven
track record or safeguards to clawback taxpayer dollars that do not result in job creation.

Because of Florida's improved economy, this year state government experienced one of the largest budget surpluses in its history. These dollars are the product of families who are working hard to put food on the table, provide their children with a quality education, and live their dreams in the Sunshine State. Therefore, Florida has an obligation to fund core services that best benefit communities while taking every opportunity possible to safeguard taxpayer money, no matter how worthy the cause seems, so the state is never again hurt by entities like Digital Domain, which was funded through a direct appropriation that circumvented the vetting processes of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Department of Economic Opportunity

The top priority for growing opportunities and providing families with high quality of living is ensuring individuals can find jobs. That's why the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget funds over $309 million for CareerSource Florida, the 24 Regional Workforce Boards, and the nearly 100 career centers, which is a ground-up structure, throughout the state, that partners with local leaders, higher education institutions, non-profits, and area job creators to provide a variety of job training and placement services to get individuals placed into a job so they can pursue their dreams. In the most recent report, CareerSource utilized best practices to place more than 489,700 individuals into jobs in the last 12 months.

The state has also placed an emphasis on growing early-stage companies and entrepreneurship by funding entities such as the Institute for Commercialization of Public Research to help grow this important segment of the economy.

Florida utilizes the economic incentive funds provided in the budget to attract a host of top tier businesses to the state. Companies such as Hertz, Embraer, and Northrup Grumman have decided that Florida is the best place to create hundreds of new good paying jobs for families in the last four years.

To protect taxpayer funds, Enterprise Florida, Inc. and the Department of Economic Opportunity have a sophisticated vetting and due diligence process for project review that has multiple layers and reviews that must be met before a project receives an incentive offer. Therefore, if the Legislature wishes to grow more business opportunities in a manner that ensures taxpayer money is safeguarded with transparency and accountability, fully funding the state's incentive toolkit will provide the best path forward for Florida's continued economic growth.

The following is vetoed because this was the subject of legislation that did not pass during the regular session.

Specific Appropriation 2194
Pages 298 and 299
"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2194, $200,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department of Economic Opportunity to develop and implement the "Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program". The department must establish an application process to designate a business as a "Florida Unique Abilities Partner." A business may be designated if it demonstrates commitment to the independence of individuals who have a disability through: employment, financial support, or other community support or involvement. If the designation is based on financial support or other community support or involvement, a business must document a financial or in-kind contribution as follows: for a business with 100 or fewer employees, a contribution of at least $1,000; for a business with more than 100 employees, a contribution of at least $5,000. The department must establish a logo for a designated business to display and develop guidelines and requirements for use of such logo; and maintain a page on its website with complete program information, including a list of designated businesses by county. The department must consult with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services of the Department of Education, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., to implement the program. The department must report by January 1, 2016, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of the the implementation of this proviso."

The following is vetoed because employment services are available through CareerSource Florida.

Specific Appropriation 2196A
Pages 299 and 300

"Employ Miami-Dade Project................................. 100,000"

The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Department of State's grant process.

"The Circus Arts Conservatory............................... 500,000"

The following are vetoed because employment services are available through CareerSource Florida.

"SANT LA - Haitian Neighborhood Center - Community Financial Assistance.................................................. 300,000
Caribbean Chamber Student Entrepreneurship - Internships.................................................. 50,000
Manufacturing Academy and Apprenticeship/Internship Program........................................... 250,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates services already provided through other state programs.

"VISIONARY Jobs Initiative...................................... 100,000"
The following is vetoed because employment services are available through CareerSource Florida.

"National Cyber Partnership........................................... 450,000"

The following is vetoed because it duplicates services already provided through other state programs.

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2196A, $600,000 from the Special Employment Security Administration Trust Fund is allocated for a pilot program with two organizations to provide employment assistance and training for individuals with disabilities. One organization must operate in Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee and DeSoto counties; and one organization must operate in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Brevard and Volusia counties. The Department of Economic Opportunity must contract with a non-profit organization operating in those counties that recycles materials, operates retail stores, and provides employment opportunities to individuals who may otherwise face barriers to employment. Each non-profit organization must have annual gross revenues in excess of $40 million and must be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Each organization shall receive $300,000 of funding provided for the pilot program."

The following is vetoed because the budget funds the statewide Goodwill organization in the amount of $600,000.

"Goodwill Industries of South Florida.............................. 250,000"

The following is vetoed because the budget funds this issue through Department of Juvenile Justice for $1.5 million.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters School to Work Program............... 250,000"

The following is vetoed because the budget provides funding to state educational institutions that provide such training.

"From the nonrecurring General Revenue funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2196A, $1,000,000 is provided for the department to implement an initiative to increase the number of certified pilots in Florida intrastate air service markets by training pilots in Florida-based programs. The programs must be designed to meet all Federal Aviation Administration requirements for commercial pilot certification. Any educational institution receiving funds from this initiative must certify to the department that all pilot training is based in Florida facilities."
The following are vetoed because employment services are available through CareerSource Florida.

"Manufacturing Academy and Apprenticeship/Internship Program. 1,000,000"

"Louise Graham Regeneration Center......................... 250,000"

The following is vetoed because this is a carve-out from an existing statewide program.

Specific Appropriation 2197
Page 300

"Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2197 from the Special Employment Security Administration Trust Fund are provided to the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services' Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program in Hernando County."

The following is vetoed because if a Regional Workforce Board intends to provide this type of service, it can prioritize its existing funding to meet the local need.

Specific Appropriation 2200A
Page 301

"2200A  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS/
SKILL ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 3,500,000
FROM SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION TRUST FUND . . . . . 500,000"

The following are vetoed because they circumvent current established grant review processes, or funding is available through other sources.

Specific Appropriation 2233A
Pages 304 and 305

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2233A, $1,000,000 of nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are allocated to the City of Miami for public infrastructure improvements within the Miami Design District. The state contribution is contingent upon the City of Miami and/or Miami Dade County providing a fifty percent match in the
form of a cash contribution or a capital project that benefits the area.

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2233A, $2,000,000 of nonrecurring funds from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund are allocated to the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide grants to Community Redevelopment Agencies for the purpose of providing seed moneys to assist local communities in their efforts to address the natural phenomenon of subsidence by redeveloping areas undergoing blight due to damage caused by ground subsidence.

"Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco Transitional Housing........ 1,000,000
Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade Safe and Healthy Homes........ 250,000
City of Milton Riverwalk........................................... 688,173
City of Opa-Locka - Multi-Purpose Cultural Facility........... 1,000,000
Sulzbacher Center for Women and Families......................... 1,200,000
Youth Soccer Academy and Training Grounds - Northeast Florida................................................................. 2,500,000
Pahokee Marina Enhancements - Palm Beach County................ 1,000,000
Glades County Gateway Logistics and Manufacturing Training Center................................................................. 700,000
City of Bradenton Tournament Sports Park........................ 500,000
City of Ft. Lauderdale - Rapid Re-Housing Project................ 800,000
Clearwater Homeless Emergency Project.............................. 400,000

"Forest Capital Hall Renovation Project......................... 292,427
The WOW Center Miami.................................................. 500,000
Mote Marine Laboratory Infrastructure Expansion................ 600,000
I/DD Housing Coordination Initiative - The Arc of Florida.... 125,000
Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse Parking Structure............. 2,250,000

"Bonifay Memorial Field............................................ 50,000

"North Lauderdale Security Cameras................................ 10,000
St. Marks River Boardwalk............................................. 200,000

"FOIL Corridor Project.............................................. 1,000,000
FTND Waterfront Access Study - Miami-Dade......................... 70,000

"Youth Soccer Academy and Training Grounds - Northeast Florida................................................................. 2,500,000
East Orange Park Recreational Center............................. 800,000
Temple Terrace - Youth Sports Complex............................. 500,000
Veterans Progress Villas - Leon County............................. 550,000"
"Riverside Fine Arts Project Listen......................... 50,000
Palmetto Bay Park Girls Softball Field..................... 250,000
Tallahassee Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment............................................. 495,000
Manatee Fire Rescue Autopulse Device Replacement......... 14,000
IMG Academy Campus Expansion.............................. 2,050,000
Glades County Gateway Logistics and Manufacturing Training Center............................................ 100,000
Temple Terrace - Family Recreational Center................ 500,000"

"Rapid Bus Transit - Hillsborough............................ 500,000
East County Service Center - Hillsborough.................. 500,000
Bergeron Rodeo Arena Refurbishment - Town of Davie .......... 100,000
Fort Myers Sesquicentennial Foundation, Inc................ 190,000
US Space Walk of Fame Foundation............................ 200,000"

"Miami Jewish Community Campus Infrastructure Improvements 500,000"

The following is vetoed because no statewide impact has been demonstrated.

Specific Appropriation 2233B
Page 306

"2233B  SPECIAL CATEGORIES
   GRANTS AND AIDS - REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
   FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST
   FUND ........................................ 2,500,000

From the funds provided for regional planning councils in Specific Appropriation 2233B, 75 percent must be divided equally among the councils and 25 percent must be allocated according to population. The funds must be used to implement the statutory requirements of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Five-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Development and to address problems of greater than local government concern and provide technical assistance to local governments, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders."

The following are vetoed because they circumvent current established review processes and funding is available through other sources.

Specific Appropriation 2249A
Pages 309 and 310

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2249A, $470,900 of nonrecurring funds from the State Economic Enhancement and Development
Trust Fund are allocated to the City of South Bay to be used to satisfy the state mortgage on a parcel of land known as the South Bay Park of Commerce. The release of these funds is contingent on the City of South Bay executing an agreement to make the South Bay Park of Commerce site available for use as an Inland Logistics Center for economic development purposes."

"Miami-Dade Economic and Advisory Trust - South Dade
- Culinary Project................................................................. 100,000
- Tampa Innovation Alliance............................................. 1,000,000
- Pasco County Economic Development Council - Aeronautical
  Use and Feasibility Study.............................................. 100,000
- Scripps Florida................................................................. 500,000
- Miami Boat Show Relocation........................................... 500,000"

"Tampa Bay Innovation Center - St. Petersburg Center for Innovation
- All Children's Hospital Pediatric Research Zone.................. 400,000
- City of Miami - EBS Regional Center................................ 2,000,000
- Florida Atlantic University Tech Runway........................... 350,000
- Bethune-Cookman University Center for Entrepreneurship........ 1,000,000
- eMerge Americas Conference - Miami.................................. 750,000
- Marco Island Multipurpose Veterans Community Service Center. 450,000
- Whiting Aviation Park - Santa Rosa................................. 500,000
- White Springs ED I-75/CR 136 Mixed Use Site Development Plan 100,000
- Pine Hills Community Redevelopment Master Plan................ 1,500,000
- Capital Region YMCA Family Recreational Complex................ 250,000
- Florida Venture Forum.................................................... 200,000"

"International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research 1,500,000

The nonrecurring funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2249A from the International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund are allocated as follows:

Modern Pentathlon............................................................. 250,000
Enterprise Florida, Inc. - Africa Trade Expansion Program...... 259,500
Las Ferialas De Las Americas Festival.................................. 150,000"

"National Flight Academy.................................................... 1,000,000
Emerging Technology-Based Entrepreneurship and Innovation
at Miami-Dade College...................................................... 1,000,000
International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research 8,500,000"
The following is vetoed because the Department has existing resources available.

Specific Appropriation 2250
Pages 310 and 311

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2250, $35,000 from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Economic Opportunity to conduct a study on the regulatory compliance cost impact upon the affected elements of the construction of certain provisions of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014). The department shall contract with an independent building consultant or conduct the study in conjunction with recognized building industry and building code experts and organizations. The study shall include a detailed analysis of the following provisions: mandatory blower door testing for residential buildings or dwelling units as contained in Section R402.4.1.2 of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) Energy Conservation Volume; mechanical ventilation for residential buildings or dwelling units as contained in Section R303.4 of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) Residential Volume; and the requirement for a second fire service access elevator as contained in Section 403.6.1 of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) Building Volume. At a minimum, the analysis should include estimates of the minimum and maximum incremental cost of compliance to the construction industry; estimates of the minimum and maximum number of construction projects impacted; and estimates of the minimum and maximum resulting increase in cost to the final purchaser of such construction projects. The department shall submit a final report by December 31, 2015, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

The following is vetoed because the participating entities should be responsible for funding this issue.

Specific Appropriation 2256
Page 312
"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2256, $500,000 of recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be allocated to the Florida Institute for Technology (FIT) which serves as the administrative lead for the Federal Aviation Administration's Center for Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation. These funds must be used by the FIT to conduct research at the institute and at other Florida universities which are core members of the center. The focus of the research shall be on assuring a safe, environmentally compatible, and efficient commercial space transportation system, and supporting Space Florida's efforts to repurpose the Shuttle Runway Facility into a multi-user commercial spaceport facility."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the Space Florida due diligence and review process.

Specific Appropriation 2256A
Page 313

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2256A, $750,000 from the General Revenue Fund and $750,000 from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund shall be used for Cecil Field Spaceport Infrastructure."

The following is vetoed because there has not been a documented need for an outside party to evaluate the deferred compensation system.

Specific Appropriation 2323
Page 318

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2323, $75,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Treasury Administrative and Investment Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Financial Services to competitively procure a contract for a market analysis of the various methods of plan administration for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans. The market analysis shall include: a summary of the plan architecture and administration utilized by other states; a comparison of the investment options, investment expenses and administrative costs for state plans of similar size to the Florida plan; a comparison of plan governance utilized by state plans comparable to the Florida plan; an assessment of the overall value to plan participants when compared with other states; and specific recommendations for administration of the state plan, plan costs and the benefit to participants. The Chief Financial Officer shall provide the results of the market analysis study to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the
The following is vetoed because it would utilize a revenue source collected and intended for use within a specific area, pursuant to section 373.41492, Florida Statutes, on a study with a statewide focus.

Specific Appropriation 2383
Page 325

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2383, $300,000 in recurring funds from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund and $25,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are provided for the State Fire Marshal to conduct or contract for a study to review mining activities as provided in chapter 2015-141, Laws of Florida."

The following is vetoed because the Center duplicates services already provided by the state.

Specific Appropriation 2434A
Page 329

"2434A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
TRANSFER TO FLORIDA CATASTROPHIC STORM RISK MANAGEMENT CENTER AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FROM INSURANCE REGULATORY TRUST FUND .................. 1,500,000"

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the waiver process.

Specific Appropriation 2567
Page 341

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2567, $9,901 from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund is provided to the Division of Emergency Management to reimburse the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on behalf of the City of Pahokee, for de-obligated public assistance funds, and $97,420 is provided for the local match requirement for the Pahokee Marina project."

The following is vetoed because it is a local project with no statewide benefit.

Specific Appropriation 2581
Page 343
"The nonrecurring general revenue funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2581 are provided to the City of Cocoa for the construction of an emergency operations center. The City of Cocoa must provide an equivalent amount of matching funds."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the Department’s process for certifying driver education programs.

Specific Appropriation 2640
Page 348

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2640, $150,000 of nonrecurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc. (ABATE) for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and education campaigns."

Department of State

Florida is a melting pot of culture and history. From archeological artifacts, to libraries, to cultural centers, the Governor’s budget provides more than $45 million to the Department of State to ensure projects are evaluated and prioritized for state taxpayer funding. Florida has a limitless number of invaluable resources that must be protected, and the Department’s grant processes ensure that taxpayers are receiving the best benefit possible for protecting and promoting culture and history in the Sunshine State.

The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.

Specific Appropriation 3092A
Page 390

"The remaining nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 3092A from the Land Acquisition Trust fund shall be allocated as follows:

William Weech American Legion Post 168 - Key West.............. 154,000
Ma Barker House - Marion........................................... 250,000
Restoration of St. Marks Lighthouse - Wakulla......................... 250,000
St Augustine Historic Properties - University of Florida............. 500,000
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Restoration -
Pinellas................................................................. 240,956
Pulford Fountain - Miami Dade........................................ 112,500
Ponce de Leon Hotel Restoration - Flagler College...................... 2,000,000
The nonrecurring general revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 3092A shall be allocated as follows:

Holocaust Memorial - Miami Beach..................................... 300,000"

The following is vetoed because this project did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes.

Specific Appropriation 3112A
Page 392

"The remaining nonrecurring general revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 3112A shall be allocated for the expansion of the East Lake Community Library in Palm Harbor."

The following is vetoed because this project will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program administered by the Department of State.

Specific Appropriation 3116A
Page 393

"3116A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - CULTURAL GRANTS
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST
FUND ................. 200,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 3116A are provided for the Actor's Playhouse Performing Arts Program in the City of Coral Gables."

The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.

Specific Appropriation 3118
Page 393

"Navy SEAL Museum................................................. 250,000
Florida Orchestra Residency Program.......................... 225,000
Museum of Contemporary Arts..................................... 49,000"

"Audio Guide Plantation Historical Museum - City of Plantation......................................................... 3,000
Historic St. Augustine Educational Material -
University of Florida........................................... 500,000
Community Theatre of Miami Lakes.......................... 40,000
Adrienne Arsht Center........................................ 150,000
Jake Gaither House Museum.................................. 125,000
Nelson Poynter Memorial Library Digital Collection....... 100,000
Charles Evans - Franklin Building House - Leon........... 75,000
University of Tampa - Plant Museum........................ 62,366
Orlando Repertory Theater, Inc.............................. 150,000

The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 3123A from the Grants and Donations Trust fund shall be allocated as follows:

Miami Contemporary Dance Company........................ 200,000

The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.

Specific Appropriation 3123A
Pages 394 and 395

"Tampa Theatre Capital Improvement Plan........................ 1,000,000
Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum - Franklin................ 500,000
Norton Museum of Art........................................... 1,000,000"

"Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe Marine Stadium........... 500,000
New Smyrna Beach Museum of East Coast Surfing.............. 175,000
South Florida Museum Backyard Universe - Bradenton....... 250,000"

"USS Adams Museum.............................................. 1,000,000
Military Museum of South Florida............................. 1,000,000
Pioneer Florida Museum........................................ 50,000
Seminole Theatre - City of Homestead........................ 250,000"

"Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts - Orlando...... 5,000,000"

"The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 3123A from the Land Acquisition Trust fund shall be allocated as follows:

Clearwater Historical Society Museum........................ 204,340
Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, Inc....................... 400,000
Sankofa Project.................................................. 1,000,000
Boynton Woman's Club - Repairs and Restoration............ 140,000"
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3123A, $2,500,000 of nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Tampa Bay History Center. These funds shall be matched 1:1 from the private sector.

SECTION 7 - JUDICIAL BRANCH

The "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget funds priorities in the State Court System that include investments in critical infrastructure, specialized courts such as drug courts and veteran’s courts, and Child Advocacy Centers that provide services to victims of sexual assault and child abuse.

Drug courts provide pretrial intervention programs that address substance abuse issues whereas veteran’s courts provide pretrial intervention programs that address substance abuse and/or mental health treatment needs of veterans and service members charged with criminal offenses. Providing these targeted diversion and treatment programs through the courts also assists in reducing recidivism and contributes to Florida’s low crime rate.

The following is vetoed because funding for improvements and repairs of county buildings are the responsibility of the local government.

Specific Appropriation 3145A
Page 398

"Levy County Courthouse................................................. 41,000"

The following is vetoed because funding for improvements and repairs of county buildings are the responsibility of the local government.

Specific Appropriation 3145B
Page 398

"3145B AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ........ 1,000,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 3145B shall be used to expand the Charlotte County Justice Center."

The following is vetoed because the project was not subjected to a process to validate the training program would provide proven outcomes.

Specific Appropriation 3169
Page 401

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3169, $100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Florida Partners
in Crisis to provide educational initiatives specific to criminal justice officials and community-based stakeholders working with individuals involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system as a result of their mental illness or substance abuse disorders."

OTHER SECTIONS

The following is vetoed because this issue should be addressed at a statewide level for all employees.

Section 8
Page 404
"(a) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of $1,557,684 from the General Revenue Fund to provide competitive pay adjustments of $2,000 for each unit member of the Florida State Fire Service bargaining unit and employees in the following job classes: Forest Area Supervisor (7622); Forestry Operations Administrator (7634); and the Forestry Program Administrator (7636); employed by the Florida Forest Service."

The following is vetoed because funds are limited to a specific patented technology and are not competitively bid to determine the project and vendor that will provide the most nutrient reduction per dollar.

Section 73
Page 413

"SECTION 73. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Specific Appropriation 1391A and Section 59 of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, for the Fisheating Creek hybrid wetlands treatment project, shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a floating aquatic vegetative tillage treatment system located within the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection area. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because it unnecessarily expands the Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate program. This program already receives $6 million in recurring funds in line 1403.

Section 74
Page 418
"SECTION 74. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Specific Appropriation 1413, chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, for the natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program, shall revert and is reappropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the same purpose. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, or whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because there is no clear mechanism for objectively measuring and evaluating the return on the state's investment and the project does not have a clear statewide impact.

Section 78
Page 419

"SECTION 78. Effective upon becoming law or June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier, the unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Environmental Protection in Specific Appropriation 1715A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, provided for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 Sand Key Park Project shall revert to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the BB SAFE, Inc. headquarters building. This section expires on June 30, 2016."

The following is vetoed because it was not subjected to the established statewide review process.

Section 80
Page 419

"SECTION 80. Effective upon becoming law or June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier, the unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to be transferred to the Southwest Florida Water Management District in chapter 2014-151, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of Environmental Protection to be transferred to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Heritage Lake Estates Conservation Basement in Pasco County for flood protection. These funds are in addition to the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1620A."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process.

Section 98
"SECTION 98. The unexpended balance of funds provided in Specific Appropriation 3146A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, to the Department of State for the MOSI - Design and Construction for STEM Showcase and MOSI Technology Institute is reverted and appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the same purpose. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process.

Section 99
Page 421

"SECTION 99. The sum of $240,000 from the unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of State in Specific Appropriation 3140A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, for fine arts endowment grants shall revert and be reappropriated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of State for the same purpose. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because this program is duplicative of services provided by the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission, which is funded at $53 million.

Section 100
Page 421

"SECTION 100. Pursuant to the proviso included in Specific Appropriation 1868 becoming law, the Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to transfer, using nonoperating budget authority, $2,000,000 from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund by October 31, 2015, to address non-Medicaid transportation needs in rural areas of the state."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process.

Section 102
Page 421

"SECTION 102. The unexpended balance of funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2193A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, to the Department of Economic Opportunity for workforce development projects is reverted and reappropriated for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for projects with the following entities: The Able Trust and Goodwill Manasota. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process.

Section 103
"SECTION 103. The unexpended balance of funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2242A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, to the Department of Economic Opportunity for housing and community development projects is reverted and reappropriated for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the following projects:

Bud and Dorie Day - Medal of Honor Patriots Trail
Miami Design District - Public Infrastructure Improvements
Glades County Gateway Logistics and Manufacturing Training Center
Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco Housing Initiative
Pensacola-Escambia Development Commission - Industrial Park
Rental Housing for Low-Income Seniors - City of Crestview
Mossy Head Industrial Park - Walton County
City of West Palm Beach Broadway Redevelopment

This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant review process.

Section 104
Page 422

"SECTION 104. The unexpended balance of funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2256A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, to the Department of Economic Opportunity for economic development projects is reverted and reappropriated for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Collier County Soft Landing Accelerator Project and All Children’s Hospital John Hopkins Pediatric Research Zone. This section is effective upon becoming law or on June 29, 2015, whichever occurs earlier."

Section 110
Page 422-423

The following is vetoed because the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund was specifically created by the Legislature as a funding source for economic development programs.

"State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund..... 23,100,000"

The following is vetoed because this trust fund is a revenue source for fine arts programs.

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Grants and Donations Trust Fund......................... 3,000,000"
The following is vetoed because user fees deposited in the Operating Trust Fund are utilized for maintaining and enhancing criminal justice services.

"FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
Operating Trust Fund........................................... 3,000,000"

In conclusion, as I have done every year since taking office, and in recognition of my continued commitment to the citizens of Florida, I am voluntarily reducing my salary to one cent per month for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, as authorized in Section 8 of the General Appropriations Act, in which the Legislature has set the salary schedule for state officers and judges.

The portions of Senate Bill 2500-A which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of Senate Bill 2500-A are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor