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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Ken Detzner  
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Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the Authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to House Bill 5301, enacted during the 119<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2017 and entitled:

An act relating to State Agency Information Technology Reorganization . . .

Consistent with policy agreed upon by the Governor and Legislature, an effective enterprise information technology organization requires the authority and resources to accomplish continually evolving enterprise initiatives. House Bill 5301 includes overly prescriptive language regarding the management of information technology resources that creates an inflexible landscape and discourages innovative business change. This bill limits the agency's ability to perform their primary function, which is to manage state information technology. I believe each state agency should continually work to be more efficient, and this legislation would implement burdensome policies on state agencies.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of House Bill 5301, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Rick Scott  
Governor