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Dear Secretary Detzner:

When I became Governor in 2011, Florida's economy was in freefall and it was hard for many Floridians to imagine how our state, and their families, would recover from the devastating economic losses our communities and businesses had suffered. As Governor, I promised to fight every day to turn our state around and today, as I sign my final budget, it's clear our hard work has paid off. Working with the Florida Legislature, we've made record investments across state government and this year, I focused on investments that secure Florida's future so that the incredible progress we have made will continue to ensure the prosperity of Florida families for generations to come.

This session, we kept fighting for tax cuts and, working with the legislature, we're cutting taxes by nearly $550 million – bringing our total tax cut savings for Florida families since 2011 to more than $10 billion. We also fought for an amendment to the Florida Constitution to keep taxes low and in November, Floridians will be able to vote on Amendment 5 to make it harder for politicians to raise taxes.

Since December 2010, Florida businesses have created nearly 1.5 million new jobs and the Securing Florida's Future budget provides critical funding, including $85 million for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, so Florida can keep aggressively fighting to be the best destination for businesses to succeed. We are also building on our six-straight years of record breaking tourism and funding VISIT FLORIDA at $76 million so we can continue to successfully market Florida to the world as the premier tourism destination and support the 1.4 million tourism-related jobs in our state. We are also investing a record $10.1 billion in transportation infrastructure to keep up with Florida's continued growth and booming economy. Since I took office in 2011, we've increased investments in transportation by $3.3 billion, a more than 48 percent increase.

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For the sixth straight year, we have secured record funding for K-12 and state universities to ensure every student has the opportunity to receive a world-class education in Florida. I am proud that since I've been Governor, state funding for K-12 public schools has increased by $3.2 billion, 37 percent. State funding for state colleges and universities has also significantly increased by nearly $200 million and $1.1 billion since 2011, respectively, and this year we once again made sure higher education is affordable with NO tuition increases for the fifth consecutive year.

I am also proud that the Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $4 billion to protect Florida's environment and agriculture. Since 2011, our investments to preserve our environment and protect our iconic beaches, pristine springs and the Florida Everglades have increased by nearly $1 billion. We are also building on our work to accelerate the completion of repairs to the federally-operated Herbert Hoover Dike. The budget provides $50 million of state funds to further expedite this important project – growing our total investment to $100 million.

We have also made critical investments that reflect our commitment to supporting our communities and making Florida safer and stronger. Over the past year, our state has faced unimaginable challenges as we have battled the national opioid epidemic, weathered major hurricanes and mourned the senseless loss of 17 innocent Floridians at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Last year, I declared a public health emergency in Florida to ensure every available resource could be dedicated to fighting the national opioid epidemic in our state and proposed significant policy and funding to combat opioid abuse. This session, I was proud to work with the legislature to secure policy changes and more than $65 million to combat opioid abuse in Florida.

Last hurricane season, we saw neighbors reach out their hands and open their hearts and homes to help those impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. As we continue to recover from these devastating storms and help our neighbors from Puerto Rico, I am proud the budget provides more than $1.7 billion in disaster assistance for state and local governments and federal funding to assist in meeting the educational needs of affected Florida students, as well as students displaced from Puerto Rico.

After the tragedy at the Rehabilitation Center of Hollywood Hills following Hurricane Irma, I directed the immediate implementation of emergency rules to keep Florida's most vulnerable seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities safe. This session, the legislature ratified these rules, making Florida one of the first states in the nation to require emergency generators at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Following the tragedy in Parkland where 17 died, we came together as a state and I was proud to recently sign the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act which invests nearly $375 million to keep our students and communities safe so this never happens again.

The budget also invests $34 million in pay raises for state law enforcement officers, firefighters and juvenile detention and juvenile probation officers to show our appreciation for the important and difficult work these Floridians do to keep us safe.

Today, Florida is strong and I am proud of our hard work over the past seven years to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe. While this is my final budget as Governor, I am confident that the Securing Florida's Future budget will continue to advance the priorities of Florida families for years to come and keep Florida's future strong.

Securing Florida's Future Budget Highlights

Keeping Taxes Low for Florida's Future – $550 Million in Tax Cuts

Florida has shown that cutting taxes, reducing regulations and keeping the cost of living down allows job creators to grow and succeed. Governor Scott has a proven record of cutting taxes and fees to reduce their burden on Florida families. Since taking office, Governor Scott has worked with the Florida Legislature to cut taxes nearly 100 times, saving Florida families and businesses more than $10 billion. Expanding his ongoing commitment to lower the burden of taxes and fees in Florida, **Governor Scott this year will sign HB 7087 which continues to cut taxes and fees for Florida families and includes:**

- **Sales Tax Holidays to Save Families $38.5 Million** – The tax cut package includes funding for two sales tax holidays which will save Floridians an estimated $38.5 million in the upcoming fiscal year. These sales tax holidays include:
  - $32.7 million from a 3-day back-to-school sales tax holiday; and
  - $5.8 million from a one-week disaster preparedness sales tax.

- **Sales Tax Exemptions in Agricultural Materials to Save Farmers $11.6 Million** – The tax cut package includes tax relief for Florida's farmers to help in their continued recovery Hurricane Irma.
  - $8.8 million from a sales tax exemption on nonresidential farm building materials; and
  - $2.8 million from a sales tax exemption on agricultural fencing.

- **Property Tax Hurricane Relief of $10.5 Million for Florida's Farmers** – The bill reduces the 2018 property tax assessment on citrus processing and packing plants, and processing equipment slowed due to citrus greening or Hurricane Irma.

- **Sales Tax on Commercial Rent to Save Florida Small Businesses $31 Million** – The tax cut package reduces the rate on business rent tax by 0.1 percent, from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent.

- **Increase in Corporate Income Tax Credits to Save Businesses $13.5 Million**
  - $8.5 million for voluntary brownfields clean-up; and
  - $5 million for community contribution credits.

- **Reduction in Traffic Citation Fines to Save Floridians $1.8 Million** – The bill reduces many traffic citation fines for individuals who attend a driver improvement school.

- **Reduction in Local Business Taxes of $19.1 Million** – The bill creates an exemption from applicable local business taxes for businesses owned by veterans and their spouses, non-remarried surviving spouses of such veterans, spouses of certain active duty military servicemembers, and low-income persons who engage in or manage a business, profession, or occupation.

- **Property Tax Relief of $12.9 Million for Floridians Displaced by Hurricanes** – The tax cut package provides $12.9 million in property tax relief to Florida families whose homes became uninhabitable for at least 30 days due to hurricanes in 2017.

- **Reduction in Property Taxes to Save Florida Families and Businesses $377 Million** – The budget cuts the required local effort property tax rate to save Florida homeowners and business property owners more than $377 million in property taxes.

Keeping Florida's Taxes Low for Generations to Come

Governor Scott is committed to continuing to cut every possible tax to help Florida now and in the future. This year, the Florida Legislature overwhelmingly passed a resolution proposed by Governor Scott that will make it harder for politicians to raise taxes and fees. Amendment 5, if approved by 60 percent of Florida voters this year, will require a 2/3 majority of future Florida legislatures to raise any tax or fee.

1.5 Million Private Sector Jobs and Counting

In the four years before Governor Scott took office, Florida had lost more than 800,000 jobs, taxes were increased by more than $2 billion and the economy was in freefall. Governor Scott has spent every day focused on growing business and creating jobs in the Sunshine State. **Today, Florida's economic growth strategy has become a model for the nation and thanks to Governor Scott's focus on creating business-friendly policies, reducing burdensome regulations and cutting taxes, nearly 1.5 million private sector jobs have been added since December 2010.**

Securing Florida's Future Economic Success

The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $85 million for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. This Fund provides grants for approved local initiatives specifically designed to support broad-based economic growth by improving infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water/wastewater systems. The fund also supports Florida's growing workforce by providing grants for job training and skills enhancement in targeted growth industries. Examples of projects to strengthen Florida's business climate that have previously received awards under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund include:

- Canaveral Port Authority – More than $8.2 million to improve roadway access to cruise and cargo terminals by increasing roadway capacity, new intersection signals for public safety and cargo traffic control, and roadway network revisions to facilitate cruise operations.
- Pensacola State College – More than $1.8 million for workforce training programs that will increase the number of students earning industry-recognized credentials and degrees required to enter and advance in the workforce for high skill/high wage targeted industries, including advanced manufacturing, aviation maintenance, welding, cybersecurity/information technology, nursing, transportation, and construction.
- Liberty County – More than $1.4 million for the construction of a turning lane and paving 1.5 miles of a service road to create access to more than 500 acres of property for economic development.

The budget also includes more than $29 million to continue and maintain the incentives for Florida businesses who are meeting their contractual requirements for creating jobs and making capital investments. This funding is provided for economic development programs including:

- Qualified Targeted Industry Tax Refund;
- Defense Contractor Tax Refund; and
- Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Refund.

Additionally, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $110.5 million for Florida's economic development public-private partnerships, including $76 million in marketing dollars for VISIT Florida, $18.5 million for operations and job creation funding for Space Florida and $16 million for the operations of Enterprise Florida.

Securing Florida's Future with Record-Breaking Tourism

Every year, people from across the world visit Florida to experience all the natural beauty and incredible landscapes that have come to define the Sunshine State. Florida has welcomed more than 600 million visitors since 2011 with the help of VISIT FLORIDA. The organization continues to successfully market Florida to the world as the premier tourism destination and the state's seven-straight record breaking years of visitation have directly coincided with the marketing resources and funding championed by Governor Scott since taking office.

To continue this incredible success, the Securing Florida's Future budget includes $26 million to increase total funding for VISIT FLORIDA to $76 million. During the first half of 2017, Florida continued to break records, welcoming more than 60 million visitors - the highest number of visitors of any six months in the state's history. Visitors to Florida are spending more than $108 billion and generating more than $11 billion in state and local tax revenue a year. In addition, Florida tourism is responsible for over 1.4 million jobs that yield more than $50 billion in income for the Floridians employed in this industry. These figures are proof that tourism is not only a massive contributor to Florida's economy, but essential to the success of businesses throughout Florida that rely on millions of visitors to continue to grow and create more jobs.

Securing Florida's Future Success in a Global Market

As Florida's seaports continue a surge of success and growth, the Securing Florida's Future budget continues investments in exports to global markets. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $1 million to continue two highly successful export diversification and expansion programs. These programs help diversify Florida's economy and increase Florida's international trade and exports through Target Sector Trade Grants and Export Marketing Plan assistance. These resources are key for Florida to maintain its preeminent position as an economic gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2016, Latin America and the Caribbean accounted for 56 percent of total Florida merchandise trade. This amount represents 24 percent of all trade between this region and the United States. Florida's top five merchandise export destination are all in Latin America and the Caribbean and include Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

As a follow up to the Governor's successful Latin American Summit in October 2017, the budget includes nearly $1.2 million for the job creating initiatives of the Latin Chamber of Commerce (CAMACOL) and the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund.

Florida Flex (Quick Response Training)
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $9 million in Florida Flex to help continue diversifying Florida's economy. This funding continues the program's success by providing businesses, both large and small in targeted industries, with matching funds related to specific training for workers who will be moving into new jobs created in Florida.

Securing Florida's Future Workforce
Governor Scott is committed to making Florida the best state in the nation for workforce development so Florida's economy can continue to diversify and attract more businesses. Since 2011, Governor Scott has directed investments of over $2 billion for communities to ensure the best workers are available to Florida's job creators.

The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $282 million for Florida's 24 Regional CareerSource Boards responsible for providing workforce services directly linked to job seekers and businesses. This includes job placement, recruitment assistance and skills training. The Florida workforce system helped place more than 285,000 Floridians in jobs during 2017, including more than 13,300 Florida veterans.

Securing the Future of Florida's Rural Communities
Governor Scott understands the enormous potential for job growth and economic development within Florida's rural communities. That's why the budget provides nearly double the funding for the Rural Infrastructure Program at $2.7 million, so that additional rural areas in Florida can access the funding needed to be successful.

Securing Great Transportation for Florida's Future with Record Funding
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests a record $10.1 billion for the Florida Department of Transportation's Work Program to ensure that more than 20.7 million residents and more than 116 million visitors are able to move safely and effectively throughout the state. Since Governor Scott took office in 2011, investments in transportation have increased by more than $3.3 billion, or 48.5 percent. The Securing Florida's Future budget makes the following transportation investments:

- $3.7 billion to expand transportation system capacity, which includes adding 293 new lane miles;
- $1 billion for maintenance and operation;
- $598 million for resurfacing more than 1,977 lane miles;
- $567.8 million for transit program improvements;
- $167.7 million for scheduled repairs of 71 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges;
- $359 million for aviation improvements;
- $171.6 million in seaport infrastructure improvements;
- $186 million for safety initiatives; and
- $151.3 million for bike and pedestrian trails.

Investing in Florida's Transportation Infrastructure
Florida remains at the leading edge of transportation innovations and has been recognized for inventive funding solutions to enhance capacity of transportation infrastructure. Since 2011, Governor Scott has overseen the investment of $85 billion in funding for roads, bridges, airports and seaports. This includes priority investments in Florida's seaports exceeding $1.4 billion. Port infrastructure investments support more than 107 million tons of cargo worth $50 billion, and the 15.5 million cruise passengers that passed through the state's ports in 2016.

Florida's proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean remains critical to the state's major role in the nations' trade, accounting for 25.3 percent of all U.S. waterborne exports and 19.7 percent of all U.S. waterborne imports to and from this growing region in 2016. Improvements such as completing the deepening of the Port of Miami and the ongoing deepening project at JAXPORT are vital to Florida being able to accommodate the large cargo ships traveling through the recently widened Panama Canal. To date, Florida's ports investments have resulted in an economic value of more than $117 billion – a $15 billion increase since 2012.

Securing Government Efficiency for Florida's Future

Budget Savings
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $370 million in savings as a result of state agencies' continued efforts to become more efficient and save tax dollars.

Reduction in Debt Service
Because Florida continues to refinance and pay off debt, Florida taxpayers are saving money. The Securing Florida's Future budget realizes a savings of $111 million due to reduced debt service obligations and State Board of Administration fees associated with the issuance of bonds for public schools, Florida colleges, state universities, and state facilities.

Florida has paid down $9 billion in debt under Governor Scott's leadership including $5.5 billion in outstanding bond debt, as well as the $3.5 billion loan taken out in 2009, before the Governor took office, for the unemployment compensation program. This has resulted in an approximately 28 percent reduction in outstanding debt since Governor Scott took office. Florida has significantly less debt per capita than New Jersey, New York, Illinois and California. In fact, California and Illinois have more than double the debt per capita of Florida, New York has triple the debt per capita, and New Jersey quadruple the debt per capita. Over the last seven fiscal years, refinancing activity has generated gross debt service savings of approximately $2.6 billion. Refunding transactions executed over that period total approximately $13.1 billion – lowering the interest rate on nearly 58 percent of Florida's total outstanding debt. With

historically low interest rates and Florida's AAA credit ratings, Florida has saved an additional $339.9 million in gross debt service thus far in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The state has maintained its AAA credit ratings.

Securing the Future Success of Florida's Students

Governor Scott knows that Florida's future is in the hands of students in our classrooms today. In fact, it is a quality public education that allowed Governor Scott and his wife, Ann, to live their dreams. The Governor is absolutely committed to continuing investments in Florida's teachers and students at every grade level so they have every resource and tool needed to ensure success. The Securing Florida's Future budget invests historic amounts of funding in K-12 public schools and state universities to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed in the Sunshine State. **The budget also provides more than $344 million in funding to keep schools safe and protect students.**

Historic Areas of Funding	Funding Amount
K-12 Public Schools – Total Funding	$21.1 billion
K-12 Public Schools – State Funding	$11.9 billion
K-12 Public Schools – Per-Student Funding	$7,408
State University System – Total Operating Funding	$4.37 billion
State University System – State Operating Funding	$2.57 billion

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

The Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $1.6 million for a total of more than $398 million for Florida's VPK program, a quality, free education initiative, which serves nearly 158,000 four and five-year olds. VPK prepares each child for kindergarten by building a strong foundation for school and focusing on early literacy skills.

School Readiness

The Securing Florida's Future budget includes an increase of $7 million in federal funding to allow access to more than 1,200 additional children into School Readiness programs. Since Governor Scott took office, the School Readiness program has received more than $48 million in additional federal funding and served more than 8,600 additional children.

The Securing Florida's Future budget provides funds in Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the following early learning initiatives:

- T.E.A.C.H. – $10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships;
- Performance Funding – $15.5 million to award child care providers and instructors for improving School Readiness program outcomes;
- Help Me Grow – $2.2 million to connect children and families with information, resources and developmental services to enhance health, behavior and learning in the development of young children;
- School Readiness Teacher Training – $3 million for a statewide professional learning system for Florida's early learning workforce; and
- Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – Nearly $4 million to deliver high quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so they may strengthen the cognitive and early literacy skills of at-risk children.

Performance Funding
Governor Scott is a steadfast proponent of performance funding at all levels of education to ensure students are getting the best results and are prepared for future careers. The Securing Florida's Future budget maintains $15.5 million in performance funding for child care providers and instructors who demonstrate successes in school readiness, professional development and access to high-need populations.

Investing $344 Million in School Safety and Hardening to Keep Students Safe
For the past seven years, Governor Scott has recommended increasing Florida's investment in safe school initiatives for K-12 public schools. Following the horrific and senseless loss of 17 lives on February 14th at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Governor Scott fought to significantly increase school hardening and safety funding to keep kids safe and make sure a tragedy like this never happens again.

Immediately following the shooting, Governor Scott called emergency meetings with leaders in education, mental health and law enforcement and put forward a major action plan aimed at making massive changes in protecting our schools, providing significantly more resources for mental health, and doing everything possible to keep guns out of the hands of those dealing with mental problems or threating harm to themselves or others.

On March 9, 2018, Governor Scott signed SB 7026 into law and directed investments of **more than $344 million to increase the safety and security of Florida's schools**. SB 7026 utilizes this funding to place a law enforcement officer at every school, implement hardening measures on each campus, establish mandatory active shooter drills, and improve access for students to mental health services. Funding details include:

- More than $97 million in new funding for school safety so school districts can hire School Resource Officers. This is in addition to the $64.5 million appropriated for safe school initiatives for public K-12 schools in the FEFP and results in a total $162 million investment in public school safety.
- $69.2 million for students to have greater access to mental health services in our public schools;
- $6.7 million for school personnel to receive professional development on how to identify students with possible mental health issues;
- $99 million for hardening grants for districts to improve the physical security of schools as identified by a security risk assessment; and
- $67.5 million for the Department of Education to allocate to sheriff offices that implement the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.
    - Governor Scott has already discussed with the Florida Legislature redirecting any unspent funding for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to be used to pay for additional sworn law enforcement officers at schools. These law enforcement officers would be in addition to the one safe-school officer at each school pursuant to SB 7026. This redirection of funds would occur through the Legislative Budget Commission process.

The Securing Florida's Future budget also invests $1 million for a memorial honoring the 17 victims who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and provides $25.3 million to replace Building 12 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Historic Funding for the Florida Educational Finance Program (FEFP)
With increasing graduation rates and policies that rank among the best in the nation, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests $21.1 billion in state and local funding for Florida's K-12 public schools. This historic funding equates to $7,408 per student – an increase of $101.50 per Florida student – the highest total funding, state funding and per-student funding for K-12 in Florida's history.

Governor Scott has made record investments in state funding for K-12 for the past six years and this historic high of $21.1 billion in total funding is an increase of $484.8 million in state and local funds over Fiscal Year 2017-18.

The increase of more than $484 million in total funds includes:

- Nearly $196 million to fund new student growth of nearly 27,000;
- $97.5 million, for a total of $162 million, in funding for school safety initiatives that promote a safe learning environment;
- Nearly $9 million, for a total of more than $54 million, in funding for the Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance Program;
- Nearly $70 million for the mental health assistance allocation; and

- $112.6 million for various education initiatives included in the FEFP, such as transportation and instructional materials.

Since Governor Scott took office, state funding for Florida's K-12 public schools has increased by $3.2 billion or 37 percent, from a total amount of $8.7 billion in Fiscal Year 2011-12 to nearly $12 billion in the 2018-19 Securing Florida's Future budget. During this same period, the local contribution to the FEFP has risen at a slower pace, increasing by nearly $1.3 billion or 16.5 percent.

Federal Funds for 2017 Hurricanes
The Securing Florida's Future budget includes $126 million of federal budget authority for the funding provided in H.R. 1892 Bipartisan Budget Act for necessary expenses related to 2017 Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Funds will be used to assist in meeting the educational needs of affected Florida students, as well as students displaced from Puerto Rico.

Supporting Florida's Teachers
Governor Scott recognizes the positive impact great teachers have on today's students and generations of students to come. As part of the state's investment this year, the budget invests a total of more than $54 million in funding for the Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance Program. This investment is an increase for the program of nearly $9 million over Fiscal Year 2017-18. These annual grants are used by educators to purchase classroom supplies needed for the school year.

Teacher of the Year Program
The Securing Florida's Future budget maintains $770,000 for monetary awards to Florida's highest performing teachers through the Teacher of the Year Program. The budget, combined with any private donation, will allow the award amounts to be a minimum of $10,000 for district participants, a minimum of $15,000 for finalists, and a minimum of $20,000 for the Teacher of the Year.

Protecting Florida's Jewish Day Schools
Governor Scott believes every Florida student deserves to have the opportunity to learn in a safe setting. After Florida's Jewish community received hateful threats recently, Governor Scott saw the need to provide additional security so the children that attend Jewish Day Schools can learn in a safe environment. Last year, Governor Scott approved more than $650,000 for security at Jewish Day Schools. This year, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests $2 million in security funding for Jewish Day Schools – an increase of more than $1,345,000 over current year funding. This funding will be available to all eligible Florida Jewish Day Schools to help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Securing Affordable Higher Education for Florida's Future
Governor Scott remains a strong advocate for affordable higher education. **That is why there are NO tuition increases in the Securing Florida's Future budget and Governor Scott has fought to hold the line on tuition for the past five years.**

The Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $122 million for Bright Futures scholarships and ensures the Bright Futures Academic Scholars award will continue to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters, including summer, for all eligible students. The funding also increases the award for Medallion Scholars to receive 75 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters.

Governor Scott knows that ensuring Florida has a strong higher education system is the best way to make Florida a global destination for jobs and have highly educated and skilled workers ready for a great job upon graduation. The Securing Florida's Future budget includes historic funding for the state university system including record state operating funding of more than $2.5 billion.

Performance Funding
To ensure all of Florida's higher education institutions are focused on the same goals, the Securing Florida's Future budget includes the following performance funding at career technical centers, state colleges and state universities:

- Career Technical Centers
  - The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $4.5 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers.
- Florida College System
  - The Securing Florida's Future budget maintains $60 million for the fourth year of performance funding for the 28 state colleges.
  - The budget also maintains $10 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida colleges.
- State University System
  - The Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $40 million, for a total of $560 million in performance funding for state universities to continue the trend of getting students into great jobs with less debt.

Investing in Education Infrastructure
The Securing Florida's Future budget builds upon Governor Scott's work to ensure students and teachers have safe facilities that foster a creative learning environment. Governor Scott also continues to be a champion for schools that have urgent construction needs but lack the ability to provide sufficient local resources to fund these needs due to a shortfall in local financial resources.

Maintenance

- $50 million for public school maintenance;
- $145.3 million for charter school maintenance;
- $6.2 million for lab school maintenance;
- $3.4 million for Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance;
- $35.4 million for Florida College System maintenance; and
- $47.2 million for State University System maintenance.

Construction

- Nearly $33.4 million, for Special Facility Construction projects. This funding is for critical infrastructure needs in Taylor, Gilchrist, Jackson and Liberty counties;
- More than $43 million for Florida College System construction projects;
- $112.6 million for State University System construction projects; and
- $40 million in budget authority to the State University System to spend collected student fees on a list of student-approved facility projects.

Securing the Protection of Florida's Pristine Environment

People from across the world come to Florida because of the state's natural beauty. From the rolling hills of North Florida, to the swaying sawgrass of the Everglades and pristine Florida Keys, Florida's classic landscapes have come to define the Sunshine State around the world as a place of true natural treasure. Since taking office, Governor Scott has championed record funding and investments in the Everglades, Florida's springs, beaches and state parks while supporting the state's vital produce and agricultural industries.

To continue protecting Florida's world-class beaches, award-winning and nationally acclaimed state parks, renowned springs, iconic Everglades and leading agriculture, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $4 billion to preserve Florida's environment and keep the state beautiful for generations to come.

Improving Water Quality in Florida

Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida established the most comprehensive nutrient pollution standards in the nation and became the first state to adopt complete nutrient standards protecting all lakes, rivers, streams, springs and estuaries. This achievement has undoubtedly worked to protect water quality in Florida for generations of Floridians – but more must be done. Governor Scott expects Florida to have the best water quality programs in the nation and the Securing Florida's Future budget makes critical investments of more than $400 million in water resource programs to safeguard the iconic waterways that are so important to the future of Florida.

Protecting Florida's Estuaries, Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades
Governor Scott is focused on protecting and restoring the Florida Everglades and under his leadership more than $1.8 billion has been invested by the State of Florida in restoring the Everglades. This includes $32 million in recurring state funding as a part of the Governor's $880 million Everglades water quality plan. During the Governor's time in office, the state has made historic progress with restoration projects that will provide billions of gallons of water storage and clean water for the Everglades and local communities.

However, Governor Scott knows that work to protect Florida's environment must continue and that even more must be done to complete critical water resource projects. That is why the Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $293 million for Everglades restoration related projects. More than $187 million of this investment will contribute to water storage projects, which will collectively provide more than 260 billion gallons of water storage when complete and operational. This includes significant funding to continue moving forward critical projects like the C-43 Reservoir and EAA Reservoir.

Last year, during the past Special Legislative Session, Governor Scott fought for and secured $50 million in state funding to speed up repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike – becoming the first Florida governor to invest state dollars to expedite repairs to this federal project. To build on this investment, and with the commitment of President Trump to accelerate the completion of repairs, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $50 million of state funds to further expedite this process. Completing this project is critical not just for the safety of South Florida residents, but also for the health of the greater Everglades system and Florida's coastal estuaries. With this funding, the state's total investment grows to $100 million.

Historic Investments in Florida's Springs
The Governor has also fulfilled his promise to establish a dedicated funding source to protect the future of Florida's springs that will invest a total of $500 million from the state over 10 years. Florida contains more first-magnitude springs than anywhere else in the nation. In addition to being critical habitat for numerous species, these natural treasures bring families, visitors and jobs to Florida. Recognizing the value of this resource, the Securing Florida's Future budget includes another $50 million in state funding for springs restoration. Working with local partners, Governor Scott has already invested a historic $365 million in Florida's springs over the last seven years.

Investing in our Water Resources around the State
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests up to $25 million, a record, for improving water quality in the St. Johns River, Keystone Heights region and its tributaries. Additionally, $5 million is invested in critical water quality projects in the Florida Keys.

More than $30 million in local water projects is provided to both improve water quality and supply around the state.

Protecting Florida's Beaches
Governor Scott recognizes the importance of protecting communities along Florida's 1,300 miles of coastline and preserving the state's world-class beaches and coral reefs. In addition to the historic investments this budget makes in water quality and protection of Florida's natural lands, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $62 million in beach restoration. This includes $50 million for statewide beach and dune restoration, beach re-nourishment and other coastal restoration projects, more than $11 million toward the state's share of beach restoration needed due to damages from Hurricane Irma, and $1 million for a specific beach restoration project in Gulf County. Additionally, the Securing Florida's Future budget invests $3.6 million in the Department of Environmental Protection's new Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative, which will assist local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects, in addition to protection of coral reef health.

Investing in Florida's Gold Medal Parks
Under the Governor's leadership in 2013, Florida's State Park System won its third National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, the first of any state to do so. In fact, no other state has even won two. This year, the Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $150 million for our State Park System to help Florida win an unprecedented fourth Gold Medal. The Governor is committed to continuing improvements and investments in Florida's parks, greenways, wildlife management areas, beaches and other natural lands to ensure current and future generations can enjoy these beautiful areas.

The Securing Florida's Future budget investment in Florida's State Park System includes more than $35 million in State Park Facility Improvements, focused on enhancing visitor experiences in our state parks, $4 million to improve ADA accessibility and $750,000 to partner with our friends of parks organizations to further the success of our award-winning state parks.

Protecting Florida's Natural Lands
Governor Scott understands that maintaining Florida's natural beauty means preserving natural lands for families and visitors to enjoy for years to come. The Securing Florida's Future budget includes more than $100 million for land acquisition programs. This includes:

- $77 million for Florida Forever through the Division of State Lands for the acquisition of rare and sensitive lands to ensure these resources are protected now and in the future;
- $10 million for Florida Communities Trust;

- $6 million for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP);
- $5.8 million for Rural and Family Lands; and
- $2 million for the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Program.

Keeping Florida's Families Safe from Wildfires
Last year, Florida experienced dangerous wildfires, but our brave firefighters, first responders and law enforcement worked together to help protect Floridians. To recognize the hard work and selfless commitment of Florida's state firefighters, the budget includes $2.2 million for a $2,500 raise for all Florida Forest Service firefighters.

Governor Scott also understands the importance of protecting Florida families and business from the threat of wildfires through community programs. The Securing Florida's Future budget invests $250,000 in a new community wildfire mitigation program. This program will be specifically focused on those counties that were threatened by wildfires in the last year and will work to clear brush and other wildfire hazards that could endanger the safety of communities and fuel wildfires. Additionally, the budget invests $6.2 million to replace wildfire equipment and aircraft that are critical to effectively respond to wildfires and keep our first responders and Floridians safe.

Securing the Future of Agriculture in Florida
Florida is first in the nation in value of production for watermelons, sugarcane, grapefruit and oranges. Florida accounts for 57 percent of total U.S. citrus production and Florida agriculture supports two million jobs and contributes more than $120 billion annually to the state's economy. Florida has 47,300 commercial farms, occupying a total of 9.45 million acres. In order to ensure Florida's citrus and other agriculture industries continue to lead the nation, the Securing Florida's Future budget dedicates $1.8 billion for agriculture.

Securing a Strong Future for Florida's Iconic Citrus Industry
Governor Scott is 100 percent committed to helping citrus growers recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Irma. After Irma, Governor Scott went to Washington D.C. to personally advocate on behalf of Florida's citrus growers and thanks to the Governor's efforts, Congress finally acted and relief is on its way.
Additionally, Governor Scott recognizes the importance of continuing to fight citrus greening and protecting this iconic industry at home here in Florida. Since taking office, Governor Scott has invested more than $120 million to support our citrus industry and fight against citrus greening. The Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $20 million in Florida's citrus industry which includes:

- $8 million for citrus research to find solutions to citrus greening;
- $5 million to support Department of Citrus consumer awareness efforts to support the market for Florida citrus and orange juice; and

- $7.5 million for the Citrus Health Response Program, which helps ensure that growers are able to replant healthy citrus trees that were destroyed by Hurricane Irma, and helps minimize the spread of citrus greening.

Securing a Healthy Future for Florida

Since taking office, Governor Scott has fought relentlessly to ensure the health of Florida families. The Securing Florida's Future budget continues Florida's work to combat the national opioid epidemic, bolstering community-based care including mental health services, supporting Floridians with developmental disabilities, strengthening Florida's child welfare system and adoption services to protect children and caring for Florida's seniors.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Governor Scott knows that supporting Floridians with mental illness begins with investing in a comprehensive system which aligns services to meet the needs of these individuals in their communities. The Securing Florida's Future budget continues the state's investment of more than $1 billion in funding to better coordinate mental health and substance services in Florida's communities and continues to build on the best management practices based on the Executive Order 15-175 signed by Governor Scott in July 2015. This year, following Governor Scott's recommendation in his major action plan responding to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the Securing Florida's Future budget includes nearly $70 million for dedicated mental health counselors to provide direct counseling services to students, as well as youth mental health assistance training.

The budget also includes mental health funding which complements the policy in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (SB 7026) to provide critical services to those suffering with mental illness in their community and ensure collaboration with local law enforcement. This funding includes:

- $12.8 million for the statewide expansion of community action treatment teams to provide comprehensive treatment to youth ages 11-21 with significant behavioral health needs so care can be received in communities;
- More than $18 million for additional mobile crisis teams statewide targeting youth and young adults ages 15-30 with serious mental illnesses, especially first episode psychosis with an emphasis on facilitating a stable living environment; and
- More than $9.7 million to continue competitively awarding central receiving system programs. These facilities assess, evaluate, treat and triage individuals with behavioral health needs serving as a single point of entry for individuals needing evaluation and stabilization.

Combatting the National Opioid Epidemic
On May 3, 2017 Governor Scott directed a statewide public health emergency for the opioid epidemic allowing the state to immediately draw down more than $27 million in federal grant funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Opioid State Targeted Response Grant. This critical funding was awarded to Florida on April 21, 2017 to provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services. The order also ensured that first responders have immediate access to lifesaving drugs to respond to opioid overdoses.

Governor Scott is continuing his commitment to do everything possible to support Florida's communities in the fight against the national opioid epidemic. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $65 million to support Florida's fight against opioids which includes:

- $14.6 million for enhancements to the substance abuse system of care. This funding will provide additional residential treatment beds, outpatient treatment and case management, emergency room treatment and follow up, peer recovery support services and targeted outreach for pregnant women with substance abuse disorders;
- $5 million for Naloxone for first responders;
- $27 million in federal funding from the Opioid State Targeted Response Grant;
- $1.2 million to enhance the Prescription Drug Monitoring System;
- $16.5 million for Department of Children and Families, State Courts and Department of Corrections for Medication Assisted Treatment related to opioid addiction; and
- More than $885,000 for handheld narcotic analyzers for the Florida Highway Patrol to keep officers in the field safe.

Investments in the Securing Florida's Future budget to address the national opioid epidemic in Florida are complemented by legislation, HB 21 proposed by Governor Scott which limits the chance of drug addiction, reduces the ability for dangerous drugs to spread in Florida's communities and gives vulnerable Floridians the support they need.

Protecting Florida's Children Through Investments in the Child Welfare System
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests nearly $1.4 billion in total funding for Florida's Child Welfare System to provide services to vulnerable children. Governor Scott believes that every child deserves to live a happy, healthy life.

The Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $11 million for an additional 130 Child Protective Investigator and Florida Abuse Hotline Counselor positions. Under Governor Scott, the number of CPIs has increased by nearly 300 and the number of Florida Abuse Hotline counselors has increased by nearly 50. These positions will help

reduce workload and provide greater protection to vulnerable children. In 2012, Governor Scott approved a pay raise for child protective investigators which boosted pay by more than $3,700 per employee. The budget also invests more than $63 million to provide services to children who depend on Florida's child welfare system and funding for non-relative care givers and foster parents of youth. The Securing Florida's Future budget also provides nearly $60 million in funding for seven counties where local sheriff's offices around the state conduct child protective investigator services.

Supporting the Adoption of Florida's Children in Foster Care
Governor Scott has advocated for adoption and adoptive families during his entire time in office. This year the Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $198 million, a more than $2 million increase over current year funding, for maintenance adoption subsidies which provide funding for the families of children who are adopted from foster care to receive the services they need. This funding will also provide critical post adoption services for more than 37,000 children. Since taking office, Governor Scott has championed investments for the adoption of more than 20,000 children from Florida's child welfare system.

Combatting Human Trafficking
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests an additional $6.2 million in new funding for the Expansion of Human Trafficking Services by expanding in-home treatment through community wraparound service teams, specialized therapeutic foster care and emergency beds. The following programs and projects that support human trafficking survivors will receive funding:

- Devereux – $500,000
- Redefining Refuge – $500,000
- Camillus House – $350,000
- The Porch Light – $200,000
- Citrus Health Network – $400,000
- Nancy J. Cotterman Center – $100,000
- Voices of Florida: Open Doors Outreach Network – $1,800,000
- Bridging Freedom – $1,200,000
- Selah Freedom – $1,150,000

Investing in Cancer Research and Prevention
The Securing Florida's Future budget invest more than $107 million in cancer research and prevention. Since taking office, Governor Scott has invested more than $690 million in cancer research and prevention to ensure that families have access to world class treatment and can lead healthy lives. During this time, Governor Scott has worked to ensure that Florida increases the number of comprehensive cancer centers across the state to provide patients and their families with the latest medical discoveries.

Implementation of Evidence-based HIV Strategies
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests nearly $56 million to strengthen the state's ability to leverage resources in the most effective manner to reduce infections. This funding allows for the continued prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS.

Caring for Florida's Seniors
The Securing Florida's Future budget includes more than $2 million in new funding to serve frail individuals on the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative waiting list and those at greatest risk for nursing home placement on the Community Care for the Elderly and Home Care for the Elderly waiting lists. This funding will enroll approximately 340 individuals. The Alzheimer's Disease Initiative program provides respite services and support to caregivers. The Community Care for the Elderly and the Home Care for the Elderly programs will provide support to seniors to ensure they can remain in their home as long as possible.

The Securing Florida's Future budget also includes an additional $3.3 million to serve hot meals to Florida's most vulnerable seniors. These meals are provided to thousands of Floridians in congregate and home settings.

After the tragedy at the Rehabilitation Center of Hollywood Hills following Hurricane Irma, Governor Scott directed the Agency for Health Care Administration and Department of Elder Affairs to implement emergency rules for every nursing home and assisted living facility to have a working generator that can keep their patients safe during a disaster. The Governor's commitment to protecting Florida's most vulnerable seniors was secured upon passage of HB 7099 and SB 7028 which requires nursing homes and assisted living facilities to maintain a safe temperature for their residents during power outages. These bills ratified rules promulgated by the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Elder Affairs which require all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to obtain ample resources, including an alternative power supply and the appropriate amount of fuel, to sustain operations and maintain comfortable temperatures for at least 96-hours following a declared state of emergency that may cause power outages.

The ratification of these rules ensures the health, safety, and welfare of Florida's most vulnerable seniors and makes Florida one of the first states in the nation to require emergency generators at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Supported Employment for Floridians with Behavioral Health Needs and Persons with Disabilities
Supported employment services is an important step toward independent living. That's why Governor Scott continues his commitment to supported employment services for those with behavioral health needs and persons with disabilities. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $3.4 million to the Department of Children and

Families and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to provide employment services to individuals with behavioral health needs and those with developmental disabilities who are ready to work. This funding provides services such as job training, internships, employment assistance and transportation services.

Securing a Safe Future for Florida Families

Governor Scott is committed to supporting public safety and the Securing Florida's Future budget continues to make important investments that will keep our communities safe. Thanks to the hard work of Florida's law enforcement officers, the state's crime rate is at a 46-year low, and the number of juvenile arrests is the lowest it's been in more than 42 years. Recent investments in re-entry programming have helped to reduce Florida's recidivism rate to 25.4 percent, which means less crime and safer neighborhoods. These investments have also helped to reduce Florida's inmate population by more than 6,000 inmates over the Governor's term, which has saved taxpayers more than $109 million. The Securing Florida's Future budget makes additional strategic investments to build on this success.

Pay Raises for Florida's State Law Enforcement and First Responders

Florida's law enforcement and public safety partners are on the front lines ensuring Floridians have safe communities. This past year, during Hurricanes Irma and Nate, Florida's law enforcement and first responders answered the call and helped Floridians across the state in their time of need. The Securing Florida's Future budget recognizes their efforts and ensures they have the resources they need to continue their lifesaving work. Florida has nearly 4,800 sworn state law enforcement officers that selflessly put their lives on the line to protect Florida's citizens. These brave men and women face danger every day and have protected the Florida's communities during incredibly challenging times. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $22.8 million for Florida's law enforcement agencies to reward these officers. These funds will help ensure state agencies can continue to recruit and retain highly qualified and dedicated officers.

Improving Florida's Crime Databases

FDLE is responsible for maintaining Florida's sex offender and predator database, which is used daily by the public and Florida's law enforcement officers to register and track offenders. Last year, Governor Scott recommended and the Legislature appropriated $1.9 million for FDLE to begin upgrading this database, which is more than 20 years old. The Securing Florida's Future budget funds the second year of this project by providing $2.2 million to FDLE. The Securing Florida's Future budget also provides FDLE $5.7 million to complete the upgrades to the state criminal history database.

Enhancing Law Enforcement Search & Rescue During Natural Disasters
Governor Scott's top focus during natural disasters is the safety and wellbeing of Florida families. To ensure Florida's law enforcement has the tools they need to save lives, the Securing Florida's Future budget provides $1 million toward equipping a Florida Fish and Wildlife law enforcement aircraft with search and rescue capabilities, which is a critical part of hurricane and emergency response. This investment will enable faster recovery efforts.

Continuing Reforms at the Florida Department of Corrections
Over the past three years, more than $124 million has been invested in the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to provide pay increases to Florida's correctional officers in an effort to recruit and retain quality staff, improve FDC's facilities and fleet, better serve inmates with medical and mental health needs and expand reentry programming. The Securing Florida's Future budget continues to support the reformation of Florida's prison system and invests $67 million over the Department of Corrections' current budget - an increase of nearly three percent.

Enhancing FDC Mental Health Units
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $56.8 million and 289 positions to better serve inmates with mental illness. These funds will consolidate and renovate mental health facilities and increase medical and security staff to ensure inmates are receiving the treatment they require. This funding also includes $10 million to continue the Residential Mental Health Unit at the Wakulla Correctional Institution ensuring inmates with mental illness receive prompt and effective treatment in a rehabilitative setting.

Improving FDC Services to Disabled Inmates
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides nearly $6.4 million and 12 positions to better serve inmates with disabilities. These funds will be used to modify facilities for disabled inmates, and to provide hearing aids and sign language interpreters for hearing impaired inmates.

Expanding Workforce Education Programs
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides a $1.9 million increase for FDC to expand and operate new workforce and literacy education programs. Inmates that are employed after release are far less likely to reoffend, which increases public safety and lowers taxpayer costs. This investment will provide inmates with the skills that are necessary to get a job upon release.

Reducing Juvenile Delinquency
Over the past seven years, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has undergone a massive transformation thanks to its data-driven focus on effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services. The hard work of DJJ has culminated in a dramatic decrease in residential commitments and the lowest juvenile arrest rate in more than 42

years. The Securing Florida's Future budget includes significant investments in DJJ to ensure it has the resources it needs to continue these important reforms and keep youth and staff safe.

Pay Raises for Juvenile Detention and Probation Officers
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $8 million to provide a 10 percent salary increase for Florida's Juvenile Detention and Probation Officers. This critical investment will allow DJJ to better recruit officers and ensure DJJ has an experienced workforce that is committed to reducing juvenile delinquency and turning around the lives of troubled youth.

Improving Residential Services
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $6.1 million to add an additional 60 beds in DJJ's residential facilities. The additional beds will allow youth to be placed in an appropriate residential treatment facility while minimizing the time spent in more costly detention facilities that have more limited treatment and rehabilitation services.

Ensuring Safe Facilities
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $5 million to make critical repairs and renovations at juvenile facilities. The funds will also allow the department to purchase and install cameras in juvenile facilities statewide. This investment in Florida's infrastructure not only enhances the safety and security of Florida's juvenile officers and youth, but will also result in long-term energy and maintenance savings.

At Risk Youth Programs and Prevention Services
Governor Scott recognizes that effective prevention and intervention programs strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth. Over the Governor's term, DJJ's prevention funding has increased by nearly 67 percent. These investments have played a critical role in reducing juvenile arrest rates to the lowest in 42 years. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides an additional $17.4 million to provide additional evidence-based prevention programs for at-risk youth. The budget includes funding for the following programs:

- **AMIKids** – Provides $6.65 million in funding to various AMIKids programs including the AMI Family Centric Program, which provides wrap-around services to the entire family of at-risk youth, the Credit Recovery Program, which provides additional teachers to assist youth who are behind in grade level, and the Apprenticeship and Job Placement program, which provides vocational and career programs to at-risk youth.
- **PACE Center for Girls** – Provides an additional $4.5 million to continue a PACE Center in Hernando County, continue the PACE REACH program statewide, and provide a new PACE Center in Citrus County.

- **Boys and Girls Clubs** – Provides $1 million in funding to provide summer and after-school life preparation programs for youth at-risk of gang involvement. The budget also includes an additional $4 million if reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency are received.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** – Provides $1.1 million in funding to provide mentoring to youth with incarcerated parents.

Securing Florida as the Most Military and Veteran Friendly State in the Nation

As a Navy veteran and the son of a WWII veteran, Governor Scott has worked every day to make Florida the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation. The Governor believes that those who so bravely serve the United States should be offered resources and support to ensure they are successful and able to provide for their families. The Securing Florida's Future budget invests $180 million in total funding to support active military, veterans and their families.

Supporting Military and their Families – The Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $17 million for Florida's military presence and families, which funds the state's support of military research and development. This includes the following:

- $1.6 million for the Defense Infrastructure Program;
- $1 million for military base protection;
- $2 million for the Florida Defense Support Task Force to represent the state's military interests and for strengthening state support for military families and veterans with an emphasis on education, healthcare, employment and family programs;
- $4.2 million to support Florida National Guardsmen seeking higher education degrees;
- $6.3 million to support scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans;
- $70,000 for search and rescue vessels for National Guardsmen to use during storm-related missions and duties; and
- $130,000 for protective equipment to be used by National Guardsmen during deployment.

State Veteran Nursing Homes
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $7.9 million to begin operations at the Lake Baldwin State Veteran Nursing Home. This funding will allow the Lake Baldwin State Veteran Nursing Home to open to serve more than 110 veterans in the coming year. The budget also proposes an additional more than $4 million for capital improvements, updating equipment, essential nursing home staff and start up activities at the Ardie R. Copas State Veteran Nursing Home.

Last year, for the first time, all six state veteran nursing homes achieved a Five-Star Quality Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Connecting Veterans with the Benefits They Deserve
The Securing Florida's Future budget invests more than $368,000 to add five additional Veterans' Claims Examiners at the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans' Claims Examiners are counselors who are responsible for connecting Florida veterans with the federal Veterans Affairs benefits they are entitled to after so courageously serving in the United States Armed Forces.

K9's for Warriors Program
The Securing Florida's Future budget includes $250,000 to help acquire, screen and train dogs to become service dogs for veterans suffering post–traumatic stress disorder and other traumas. These services are provided to the veteran free of charge.

Building Homes for Heroes
The Securing Florida's Future budget provides funding of $1 million for Building Homes for Heroes to build and modify homes for veterans who were severely injured while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Building Homes for Heroes supports neighborhood economic advancement and positively impacts construction growth within 32 communities across Florida. Over the last three years, Building Homes for Heroes built or modified 24 project homes which had a projected value exceeding $4 million.

Veterans Treatment Courts
Veterans Treatment Courts are an important resource in diverting veterans with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs from the criminal justice system and Governor Scott has supported the expansion of these courts throughout the state. The Securing Florida's Future budget reflects the Governor's support of Veterans Treatment Courts and invests $1.4 million to continue funding these courts throughout Florida.

Jobs for Florida's Veterans
Governor Scott's work to make Florida the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation means supporting the employment of these brave men and women and providing them with every opportunity to succeed by getting a great job upon returning home. That is why the Securing Florida's Future budget provides nearly $2.5 million to support veterans looking to obtain employment, start their own businesses and make Florida their home. This funding includes:

- $400,000 for the Home Builders Institute which works to train and employ veterans, military personnel, and transition veteran offenders, helping them achieve economic sufficiency and offering them opportunities for lifelong learning and improved earning potential;

- $150,000 for No One Left Behind which serves as a job entry program for veterans where veterans receive training and tuition assistance in the areas of insurance brokering and pharmacy technology;
- $150,000 for the Five Star Veterans Center Homeless Housing and Reintegration Project which provides housing and employment resources for homeless or displaced veterans;
- $750,000 to support universities offering veteran entrepreneur training to create or sustain veteran-owned businesses; and
- $1 million so that Florida is for Veterans can market Florida worldwide as the most veteran friendly state in the nation.

Securing a Strong Future for Florida's Communities

Disaster Preparedness Response, Recovery and Mitigation

Since 2011, Governor Scott has overseen the investment of more than $2 billion to ensure Florida is a leader in disaster preparedness and recovery. The Securing Florida's Future budget invests $1.7 billion in financial assistance to state and local governments for emergency public awareness, outreach programs, and disaster mitigation programs.

Affordable and Workforce Housing

Since 2011, Florida has invested more than $1 billion to make Florida's affordable housing program among the best in the nation. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides more than $123.6 million for affordable/workforce housing including more than $78.1 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program and $44.4 million for the State Housing Initiative (SHIP) program. The Securing Florida's Future budget provides special consideration to properties that target demographics such as the elderly and those with special needs. Further, of the more than $78.1 million for SAIL, the budget invests $30 million in workforce housing and projects in the Florida Keys.

Small Community Development Block Grants

The Securing Florida's Future budget provides $126.5 million in small community development block grant programs focusing on low and moderate-income persons, improving housing and supporting infrastructure improvements. Funding includes $90 million to provide critical assistance and disaster relief funding to Florida communities impacted by devastating hurricanes during 2016 and 2017.

Federal Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Recovery

The federal government approved $89.3 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations as part of the H.R. 1892 Bipartisan Budget Act to help states, communities, businesses, and individuals respond and recover from recent hurricanes,

wildfires and other disasters. Florida will receive a portion of this emergency funding to help recover from the impacts of Hurricane Irma and Maria.

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 House Bill 5001, enacted during the 120th Regular Session of the Legislature, and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2018, 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 effective dates.

For the reasons that follow, I do hereby withhold my approval of the following line items in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 General Appropriations Act:

SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

The following is vetoed because the institution increased tuition from Fiscal Year 2016-17 to 2017-18 by two percent for the Osteopathic Medicine and Pharmacy Programs.

Specific Appropriation 66B
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"66B SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - LECOM / FLORIDA - HEALTH
PROGRAMS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,116,907

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 66B, $1,691,010 in recurring funds and $425,897 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated for a base appropriations project for the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)/Bradenton (Senate Form 1498). The funds shall support Florida residents enrolled in the Osteopathic Medicine or the Pharmacy Program at LECOM. The college shall submit enrollment information for Florida residents prior to January 1, 2019."

The following is vetoed because the institution increased tuition from Fiscal Year 2016-17 to 2017-18 by two percent. In addition, the MOU received in Fiscal Year 2017-18 advised the institution would not be requesting funding for the equipment needed for this project.

Specific Appropriation 66C
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"FIT - Center for Manufacturing and Innovative Design(CAMID)

(HB 4395)(Senate Form 1120)..... 450,000"

The following is vetoed because there is no clear statewide return on investment for the maintenance and renovation of a privately-owned facility.

"Flagler College - Hotel Ponce de Leon Disaster Recovery
(HB 4235)(Senate Form 1789)..... 1,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of services provided by the School Readiness Program.

Specific Appropriation 84
Pages 18 and 19

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 84, $500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund is provided for the Florida Institute of Education for the Rural Learning Exchange Network (HB 4613) (Senate Form 1885) to improve school readiness outcomes for children age birth to five. The network will expand the existing school readiness program in Jefferson County to include Liberty, Madison, Wakulla, and Gadsden Counties; provide early literacy training to teachers and staff; implement a volunteer reading program for preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade partner classrooms; initiate a family and child focused program that includes activities that help families become involved in their children's literacy growth; and increase community awareness of the importance of helping children acquire the knowledge and skills they need to be successful."

The following is vetoed because there is no clear statewide return on investment for the construction of a privately-owned facility.

Specific Appropriation 91A
Page 22

"91A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND
CONSTRUCTION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 300,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 91A, $300,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for Jack and Jill Children's Center (HB 3191) (Senate Form 2264)."

The following is vetoed because school districts receive funding from the federal government to use for professional development of school personnel. School districts have the local flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities.

Specific Appropriation 107
Page 27

"Relay Graduate School of Education (Nonrecurring Funds)
(HB 4503)..... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because the program is not a core education mission for state government and it is not a statewide initiative.

Specific Appropriation 108
Page 28

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 108, $300,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program as provided in section 1003.481, Florida Statutes."

The following are vetoed because the programs are not a core education mission for state government.

Specific Appropriation 111
Pages 28 and 29

"Arts Conservatory for Teens (Senate Form 2311)..... 125,000
City Year Florida (HB 2265) (Senate Form 1027)..... 500,000"

"Leader in Me Foundation (HB 3819)..... 250,000"

The following is vetoed because school districts receive an allocation in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) that can be used to purchase school buses. School districts have the local flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities.

Specific Appropriation 115A
Page 31

"Buses for Florosa Elementary Along Hurlburt AFB Corridor
(HB 3031) (Senate Form 1712)..... 1,000,000"

The following is vetoed because Eastern Florida State College receives operational funding with which the institution has the local flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities. Since Fiscal Year 2011-12, Eastern Florida State College's operating funding has increased by $5.5 million.

Specific Appropriation 126
Pages 35 through 37

"Eastern Florida State College
Critical Evaluation Learning Management System/Curriculum. 500,000"

The following are vetoed because Florida State University received additional operational support in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and has the ability to fund these initiatives. Since Fiscal Year 2011-12, Florida State University's operating funding has increased by $91.3 million.

Specific Appropriation 143
Pages 41 through 44

"Charles Hilton Endowed Professorship..... 300,000"

"Florida Campus Compact..... 514,926"

The following is vetoed because University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee receives operational funding with which the institution has the flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities.

"University of South Florida - Sarasota-Manatee
South Florida Museum's Institute for STEAM Teaching:
Center for PAInT..... 50,000"

The following is vetoed because University of South Florida St. Petersburg received additional operational support in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and has the ability to fund this initiative. Since Fiscal Year 2011-12, University of South Florida St. Petersburg's operating funding has increased by $2.5 million.

"Greenhouse Project..... 72,500"

The following is vetoed because University of West Florida receives operational funding with which the institution has the flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities. Since Fiscal Year 2011-12, University of West Florida's operating funding has increased by $43.7 million.

"Archaeology Program..... 931,439"

The following is vetoed because University of South Florida St. Petersburg received additional operational support in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and has the ability to fund this initiative. Since Fiscal Year 2011-12, University of South Florida St. Petersburg's operating funding has increased by $2.5 million.

"Family Study Center (HB 3035)(Senate Form 1096)..... 300,000"

SECTION 3 - HUMAN SERVICES

The following is vetoed because this is not for services and is for a feasibility study.

Specific Appropriation 399
Pages 90 and 91

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 399, $50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to PACE Partners of Northeast Florida, Inc., to conduct a feasibility study that examines the potential to establish a new Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) service catchment area that includes Clay, Putnam, and Bradford Counties (Senate Form 2439)."

The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the purchase of equipment for a private company.

Specific Appropriation 403A

Pages 91 and 92

"403A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - ASSISTED LIVING
FACILITIES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 403A, $1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to purchase a bi-fuel generator for MorseLife Assisted Living Facility (Senate Form 2548)."

The following is vetoed because this funding is duplicative of available funding to Federally Qualified Health Centers through the Low Income Pool.

Specific Appropriation 451
Pages 97 and 98

"Bond Community Health Clinic, Inc. (Senate Form 2304)..... 340,000"

The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of funds that will be provided by the Department of Health, pursuant to s. 381.986(8)(b), Florida Statutes.

Specific Appropriation 457A
Page 99

"457A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,650,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 457A, $150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Coalition for Medicinal Cannabis Research within the Moffitt Cancer Center to conduct medical cannabis research pursuant to section 1004.4351, Florida Statutes."

The following is vetoed because this private entity did not satisfy existing contractual obligations with the Department of Economic Opportunity.

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 457A, $1,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the purpose of supporting activities in relation to biomedical research through the Florida Drug Discovery Acceleration Program at Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies (HB 2383)(Senate Form 1478)."

The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for educational marketing materials.

Specific Appropriation 542A
Page 111

"542A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
TRUST FUND 750,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 542A, $750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund is provided to the Foundation for Healthy Floridians (HB 4137)(Senate Form 2064)."

SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

The following is vetoed because there is no documented need or request from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Specific Appropriation 1173A
Pages 189 and 190

"SFAPAL Youth Directors and Life After High School Program
(HB 3083)(Senate Form 2059)..... 100,000"

The following are vetoed because the funding was not requested by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and was vetoed in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

"City of Riviera Beach Summer Youth Employment Program
(HB 3889)(Senate Form 1619)..... 150,000"

"Fresh Path - High Risk Intervention Youth Program
Fresh Ministries (HB 4135)(Senate Form 1550)..... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because there is no documented return on investment.

Specific Appropriation 1229
Page 197

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1229, $250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to contract with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to pilot a shoplifting electronic monitoring diversion project for offenders diverted from prison into community supervision (HB 2643) (Senate Form 2438). The department shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the project's savings, recidivism reduction, and effectiveness by February 1, 2019."

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

The following are vetoed because a clear statewide return on investment was not provided.

Specific Appropriation 1444
Page 223

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1444, $150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show for promotional activities (HB 3825)(Senate Form 1106)."

Specific Appropriation 1452B
Pages 224 and 225

"Hardee County Agricultural Training/Conference
Center (HB 2241)(Senate Form 1154)..... 500,000"

The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established grant application and ranking process for Beach and Inlet Management Projects through the Department of Environmental Protection.

Specific Appropriation 1597A
Page 243

"1597A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE
BAKERS HAULOVER INLET BYPASSING
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 750,000

The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 1597A are provided for the Bal Harbour Village Bakers Haulover Inlet Bypassing Project (HB 4109)(Senate Form 1909)."

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

Specific Appropriation 1687A
Pages 251 and 252

"Lakeland's Se7en Wetlands Wastewater Treatment
Facility (HB 2275)(Senate Form 1146)..... 800,000"

The following is vetoed because this private entity does not have a direct partnership with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and, in lieu of General Revenue, the State Economic Enhancement and Development (SEED) Trust Fund was specifically created by the Legislature as a funding source for economic development programs.

Specific Appropriation 1846D

Page 268

"1846D GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
PALM BEACH ZOO AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 250,000

The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 1846D are provided for the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society Water Quality and Recreation (HB 2277)(Senate Form 1071)."

The following is vetoed because the Department of Transportation can complete this study without the need for additional funds.

Specific Appropriation 1866
Pages 271 and 272

"From the nonrecurring funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1866, $1,500,000 from the State Transportation Trust Fund is provided for the department to develop a proposal to extend the Suncoast Parkway north to the Georgia state line to serve the state as a major hurricane evacuation route. By January 1, 2019, the department shall provide to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report outlining a timeline for the various necessary and applicable project phases of this proposal. The timeline should include but not be limited to a project development and environmental study, preliminary engineering, and construction. Additionally, the report should include a map indicating the recommended alignment, an estimate of costs, and identification of all potential funding sources. All appropriate project phases shall be included in the five-year Work Program pursuant to section 339.135, Florida Statutes."

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

Specific Appropriation 1906A
Pages 275 and 276

"CR 361 Beach Road Curve Realignment (HB 2617)(Senate Form 1412)..... 586,732
Hillsborough County School Sidewalks and Safety Enhancement Project (HB 2429)(Senate Form 2126)..... 2,000,000"

"Tamarac - Commercial Blvd. Corridor & Gateway Improvement (HB 4311)(Senate Form 1405)..... 734,764
City of Casselberry Quail Pond Circle Complete Street/ Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements (HB 2527)(Senate Form 1574)..... 282,366"

"Integrated Transit Smartphone Application Development and

Implementation (HB 2509)(Senate Form 1821)..... 475,000"

"Hillsborough County Orient Road (HB 2963)(Senate Form 2124). 2,000,000"

"Palmetto Bay Multimodal Transit Station (HB 3821)..... 328,912
Escambia County Beulah Interchange Connector (HB 4177)
(Senate Form 1741)..... 1,000,000
City of Apopka Harmon Road Extension (HB 4435)(Senate Form
1929)..... 1,000,000"

"State Road 7 Pedestrian Lights (HB 2273)(Senate Form 2036).. 650,000"

"Morningside Drive Extension, Dade City, Pasco County (HB
4043)(Senate Form 1895)..... 4,700,000"

"Blount Road Streetscape Improvements Project - Pompano Beach
(HB 2759)(Senate Form 1033)..... 250,000"

"Biscayne Green (HB 2675)(Senate Form 1199)..... 1,000,000"

"Village of Biscayne Park - Street and Infrastructure
Improvements (HB 2773)(Senate Form 2212)..... 915,000
Bal Harbour Village - Roadway Infrastructure Improvements
and Rehabilitation (HB 4127)(Senate Form 1902)..... 500,000"

"St. Johns County CR 244 4-Lane Widening (HB 4247)(Senate
Form 2221)..... 1,500,000"

"CR 437 Realignment from Central Avenue to SR 46 (HB 4205)
(Senate Form 1361)..... 7,000,000"

"LYNX Operations Center Expansion for Paratransit/On Demand
(Senate Form 1479)..... 2,000,000
SR 826/NE 163rd Street Transportation Safety Infrastructure
Improvements (Senate Form 2273)..... 1,000,000"

"Rosery Road NE Road Reconstruction - City of Largo (Senate
Form 2010)..... 1,000,000
Virginia Drive Rehabilitation (Senate Form 1466)..... 229,000
City of Coconut Creek - Traffic Signal at Lyons Road and St.
Andrew's Intersection (Senate Form 1448)..... 225,000"

The follow is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program process for evaluating aviation projects.

"Opa-Locka Airport - Service Center (Senate Form 2381)..... 2,500,000"

SECTION 6 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The following is vetoed because there is no documented need or request from the ports.

Specific Appropriation 2181
Pages 304 and 305

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2181, $300,000 is provided to the Department of Economic Opportunity to competitively procure for the development of heat exhaustion break pods to be placed at strategic locations in each of Florida's ports to provide for the health and welfare of port workforce. Each pod shall be approximately 10'x10' and must include misting fans, seating, water dispensing units, and otherwise comply with Occupational Safety and Health Act standards."

The following is vetoed because the Florida Housing Finance Corporation can review the feasibility of this incentive without the need for additional funds.

Specific Appropriation 2225
Pages 310 and 311

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2225, $25,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to study the feasibility of incentivizing a developer, related entity, or other authorized applicant for repaying a loan in full before the maturity date for loans with a maturity date of ten years or more. The applicant must have been awarded funding for a project in the SAIL program. At a minimum, the study must include details of the incentives and the implementation of these incentives. The FHFC shall submit the study to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by September 1, 2018."

The following are vetoed because these are local projects and should be supported at the local level.

Specific Appropriation 2233A
Pages 312 and 313

"City of Miami Beach - North Beach Business Incubator (HB 2535)(Senate Form 2280)..... 200,000"

"City of Wauchula Community Auditorium Improvements (HB 3727) (Senate Form 1158)..... 150,000"

"Clermont South Lake Wi-Fi Trail (HB 4099)(Senate Form 1308). 450,000"

The following is vetoed because funding for planning and construction of city buildings is the responsibility of local government.

Specific Appropriation 2367A
Page 327

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2367A, $1,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Coral Gables Regional Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Building (HB 3249)(Senate Form 1119)."

The following are vetoed because these are local projects and should be supported at the local level.

Specific Appropriation 2587
Pages 347 and 348

"City of Palm Beach Gardens City Hall Expansion
Emergency Facility (HB 3039)(Senate Form 1633)..... 500,000"

"Dania Beach Emergency Operations Center (HB 3801)(Senate
Form 1504)..... 100,000"

The following is vetoed because there is no documented need or request from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Specific Appropriation 2646
Page 353

"The nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund in Specific Appropriation 2646 are provided for the Florida Automated Vehicle Driver Education Initiative (HB 3061)(Senate Form 1812)."

The following is vetoed because there is no documented need or request from the Department of Management Services (DMS). Facilities constructed within DMS' budget are state-owned and operated, while the center will be managed by the local government.

Specific Appropriation 2743A
Page 364

"2743A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
LEALMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2743A are provided for funding a nonrecurring appropriations project (HB 4499)(Senate Form 2152)."

The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the current, established competitive review process where projects are evaluated and recommended.

Specific Appropriation 3090
Page 400

"Historic Hampton House Community Education and Adaptive
Reuse (HB 3685)(Senate Form 2051)..... 250,000"

"Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, Inc. - R.M. Rembert

Building (HB 3949)(Senate Form 1487)..... 250,000"

The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the current, established competitive review process where projects are evaluated and recommended.

Specific Appropriation 3094A
Page 401

"The remaining nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 3094A shall be allocated as follows:

Historic Hernando School Restoration
(HB 4427)(Senate Form 1896)..... 396,400
University of Florida: St. Augustine Historic Building Roof
Replacements (HB 4229)(Senate Form 1889)..... 250,000
Acquisition of Florida Quilt Museum Building
(Senate Form 2563)..... 270,000"

Specific Appropriation 3121
Page 403

"Okaloosa County Historical Museum Cooperative (OCHMC)
(HB 2007)..... 30,000"

"Florida Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Funding
(HB 4627)(Senate Form 2488)..... 30,000"

"Camp Blanding Museum - Expansion (HB 3281)(Senate Form 2252) 1,651,630
American Craftsman Museum, Inc. (HB 4437)(Senate Form 2021). 500,000
Great Explorations Children's Museum
(HB 4497)(Senate Form 2022)..... 200,000
Exploration of Culture and Humanities Options (ECHO)
(Senate Form 2382)..... 50,000"

Specific Appropriation 3126A
Page 404

"3126A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - SPECIAL CATEGORIES -
CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 3126A shall be allocated to the Ruth Eckerd Hall Expanding the Experience Campaign (HB 2473)(Senate Form 2153)."

SECTION 7 - JUDICIAL BRANCH

The following is vetoed because state funding is currently available to the State Courts to implement this program and the funding would not go toward services.

Specific Appropriation 3142
Pages 407 and 408

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3142, $386,120 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to contract with the Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy at Florida State University to provide technical assistance and training for clinical staff providing services in early childhood court sites statewide (Senate Form 2243)."

OTHER SECTIONS

The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of services provided by the School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten Program, and there is no identifiable statewide impact.

Section 19
Page 427

"SECTION 19. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Office of Early Learning for the Mount Zion Early Education Pilot Program in Specific Appropriation 83 of chapter 2017-70, Laws of Florida, is hereby reverted and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to the Office of Early Learning for the same purpose (Senate Form 2332)."

The following is vetoed because this funding is contractually obligated for research in response to the Zika epidemic.

Section 40
Pages 429 and 430

"SECTION 40. The nonrecurring sum of $15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund provided to the Department of Health for Zika research in budget amendment EOG #B2017-0169 and subsequently reappropriated in budget amendment EOG #B2018-0011 under the authority of Executive Order #17-166 is reverted immediately. If $15,000,000 in funds are not available to revert pursuant to this section, the nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund provided in the fourth paragraph of proviso in Specific Appropriation 217 shall be reduced by the difference between $15 million and the amount actually reverted pursuant to this section. This section shall take effect upon becoming a law."

The following is vetoed because the Department of Transportation's traffic engineers and experts, as well as law enforcement, have determined through experience, review, and simulation modeling that contraflow is not an effective disaster evacuation method.

Section 77
Page 433

"SECTION 77. The nonrecurring sum of $750,000 from the State Transportation Trust Fund provided to the Department of Transportation in Specific Appropriation 1879 of Chapter 2017-70, Laws of Florida, shall immediately revert and is appropriated to the Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to conduct a minimum of three emergency evacuation exercises utilizing the contraflow exceptional operation model on selected limited access facilities. The contraflow exercises must be completed by May 1, 2018. In selecting locations and times for the exercises, the department and partnering law enforcement and emergency management agencies shall prioritize safety and minimize disruption to normal traffic operations, and identify and employ best practices used by other jurisdictions that routinely conduct contraflow exercises and drills. Following completion of the contraflow exercises, the department shall prepare a report documenting its findings and recommendations. The report shall be submitted, by June 1, 2018, to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee. This section is effective upon becoming law."

The following are vetoed because revenues deposited in the trust funds are utilized for maintaining, enhancing, and performing necessary criminal justice services, including crime and juvenile delinquency prevention programs, investigations of election and campaign violations, consumer protections, and support services.

Section 97
Pages 435 and 436

"Elections Commission Trust Fund..... 1,500,000
Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund..... 10,000,000"

"Juvenile Crime Prevention & Early Intervention Trust Fund. 1,000,000"

The following is vetoed because charter schools will receive $145.3 million in capital outlay maintenance funding in Specific Appropriation 21.

Section 99
Pages 436 and 437

"Charter Schools Maintenance - Fixed Capital Outlay..... 5,000,000"

The following is vetoed because the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg receives operational funding with which the institution has the flexibility to support such initiatives based upon their priorities.

"University of South Florida St. Petersburg -
Paraprofessionals Receiving (Prep) Program
(Senate Form 2214)..... 400,000"

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 2018-19, 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 House Bill 5001 which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of House Bill 5001 are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor