

The Florida Senate
GOVERNOR'S VETO
OF PORTIONS OF THE 2017 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT
SB 2500

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION VETOED

Specific Appropriation 145
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"College of Pharmacy-Medical Cannabis Research (HB 3159)..... 2,000,000"

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

"The [indicated project following Specific Appropriation 145] is vetoed because the University of Florida Health Center received a total of \$152.8 million in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and has the ability to fund these initiatives.

ANALYST COMMENT

This appropriation provided \$2,000,000 to the University of Florida Health Science Center's College of Pharmacy for medicinal cannabis research. Section 381.986(2)(g), Florida Statutes, as created in 2014, requires physicians to submit the patient treatment plan quarterly to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy for research on the safety and efficacy of low-THC and medical cannabis on patients. This funding was provided to implement the research provisions in the aforementioned section of statute.

This initiative was funded in the amount of \$2,400,000 in nonrecurring general revenue in the Senate General Appropriations Bill. The amount was decreased to \$2,000,000 during the Appropriations Conference.